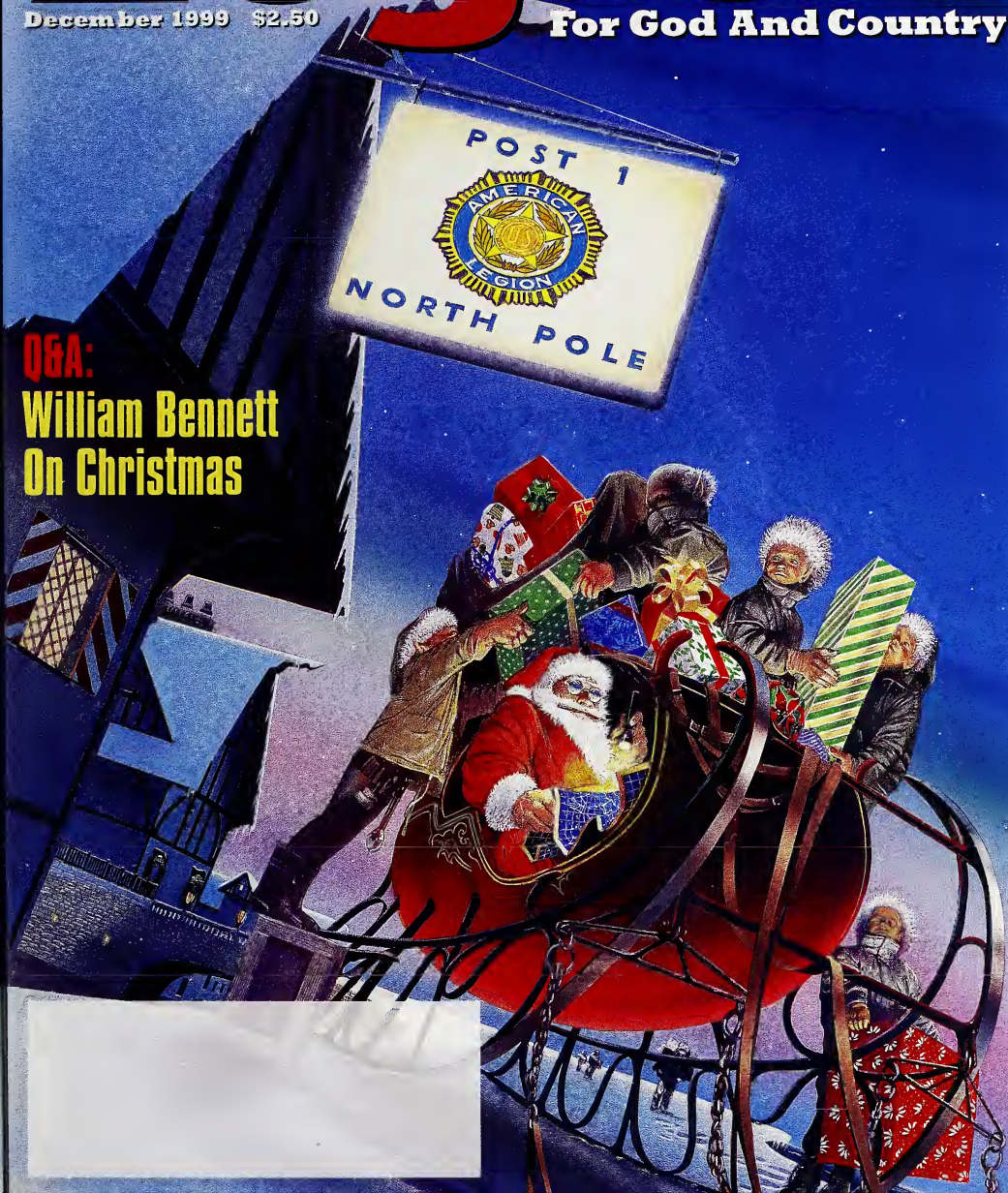


The American Legion

December 1999 \$2.50

For God And Country

Q&A:
William Bennett
On Christmas



Luxury has its price.

IN THIS CASE,
IT'S AFFORDABLE.

Century
2000
SPECIAL EDITION



all standard:
traction control.
anti-lock brakes.
175 hp V6 engine.
six-way power seat.
fine luxuries. modest price.

©1999 GM Corp. All rights reserved. Buick and Century are registered trademarks of GM Corp. Buckle up, America! For more information, visit www.centurybuick.com or call 1-800-4A-BUICK

Buick... Official Car of
American Legion Baseball.



The *New* CENTURY 2000  Special Edition by Buick.

A luxury car for everyone.

The American Legion

For God and Country

Vol. 147, No. 6

The Magazine for a Strong America

DECEMBER 1999

ARTICLES

LANCE TO CONGRESS: KEEP HEALTH CARE PROMISES By John B. Raughter 9
Broken promises have a common link with military recruitment problems.

BILL BENNETT ON CHRISTMAS By Steve Brown 12
The best-selling author reflects on American traditions and values.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE: AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE FUTURE 16
By James H. Anderson
As the missile threat grows, America must act now to develop a defense system.

OLYMPIAN BATTLES ON By Phyllis Zauner 22
Peggy Fleming tallies another victory, this time against breast cancer.

LEARNING HUMAN RELATIONS FROM GEESE By Charles Dickson, Ph.D. 24
Take a gander at a gaggle in "V" formation.

MUSIC FOR THE YEARS By Mark Faram 26
Empire Statesmen face the music in drum and bugle corps competition.

LOOKING BACK THE HARD WAY By Peter B. Rose 28
Christmas is a time for family and friends – and recollecting the attack on Pearl Harbor.

DEPARTMENTS

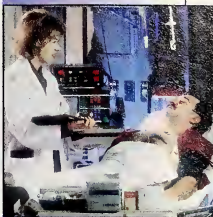
BIG ISSUES Should U.S. troops be under U.N. command? 30

VETVOICE 4 **WASHINGTON WATCH** 32 **VETS** 40

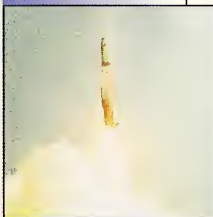
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE 10 **LEGION NEWS** 34 **PARTING SHOTS** 48

COVER Special deliveries of peace and goodwill are The American Legion's wish for the holiday season to Legionnaires around the world. Illustration by John Maggard

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, a leader among national general-interest publications, is published monthly by The American Legion for its 2.7 million members. These wartime veterans, working through nearly 15,000 community-level Posts, dedicate themselves to God and Country and traditional American values: strong national security; adequate and compassionate care for veterans, their widows and orphans; community service; and the wholesome development of our nation's youths.



9



16



22



26



AVOID COLLISIONS!



USE THE NEW LANE-CHANGING ALARM FROM ALIRT.

Help reduce the stress of highway and city driving with the world's first electronic lane-changing alarm.

Its revolutionary patented technology warns you if there's a vehicle in your driver's-side blind spot.

Feel safer and more confident on the road - avoid those near misses and costly accidents. Using the ALIRT Lane-changing Alarm together with mirror and shoulder checks reduces by 10 times the risk of not seeing a car in your vehicle's blind spot, compared to relying on shoulder and mirror checks alone.

Perfect for yourself or for someone you care about.

PRODUCT FEATURES:

- Fast, easy installation on driver's-side mirror - no wiring
- Fits most cars, light trucks and SUVs
- Snap-on / snap-off design to prevent theft
- Battery included
- Works in all weather
- Simple, single-switch operation
- Low-profile, aerodynamic design
- Advanced military technology

VETERAN'S PRICE OF \$59.95 U.S.

ALIRT™

Order now **1-877-492-2200**
On-line ordering at www.alirt.com

P.O. Box 48021, 1881 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4S 3C6

The American Legion For God and Country

700 N. Pennsylvania St.
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
317-630-1200

National Commander **Al Lance**

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief **Dick McNally**
Editor **John B. Raughter**

Art Director
Simon Smith

Editorial

Contributing Editor **Kathy W. Farris**
Assistant Editor **Steve Brown**
Assistant Editor **Layne Cameron**
Assistant Editor **Ron Hyink**
Assistant Editor **Peter B. Rose**
Editorial Administrator **Patricia Marschand**
General Administrator **Robyn Black**
General Administrator **Robin Bowman**
Editorial Intern **Kristen Shupe**

Production

Production Manager **Jon Reynolds**

Advertising

Advertising Manager **Diane Andretti**
Advertising Assistant **Cathy Frakes**
Advertising Assistant **Laura Feller**

The American Legion Magazine
P.O. Box 7068
Indianapolis, IN 46207

Publisher's Representatives

Fox Associates, Inc.
Chicago: 312-644-3888
New York: 212-725-2106
Los Angeles: 310-841-0280
Detroit: 248-543-0068
Atlanta: 404-252-0968
San Francisco: 415-989-5804

The American Legion Magazine Commission

Millard A. Forrester, Chairman, Greenville, SC; Dennis J. Henkemeyer, Vice Chairman, St. Cloud, MN; Robert H. Allen, National Commander's Representative, Mechanicsburg, PA; Theodore R. Hartmann, Smithton, IL; J. Leslie Brown Jr., Louisville, KY; Donald R. Conn, South Bend, IN; James W. Conway, Charleston, MA; Hoy Haught, Huntsville, AL; James H. Hall, Hopewell, NJ; Bettylou Evans, Laurel, DE; Eugene J. Kelley, Savannah, GA; James P. Corniskey, Pittsburgh, PA; George G. Sinopoli, Fresno, CA; Philip B. Finley, Colby, KS; Joe D. Mercer, Oklahoma City, OK; Russell H. Laird, Des Moines, IA; J. Fred Mitchell, Brewton, AL; J.O. Berthelot, Gonzales, LA; Everett G. Shepard III, Woodstock, CT; Jerrold W. Wilson Sr., Harrison, OH; Henry E. Lamb Sr., Lacey, WA; Robert E. Vass Sr., Huntington, WV; James J. Charleston, Arlington Hgts., IL and Casimir F. Sojka, New Rochelle, NY, consultants.

Copyright 1999 by The American Legion

The American Legion (ISSN 0886-1234) is published monthly by The American Legion, 5561 W. 74th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Periodicals postage paid at Indianapolis, IN 46204 and additional mailing offices. Annual non-member and gift subscriptions: \$15 (\$21, foreign); Post-sponsored and widows' subscriptions: \$6; single copy, \$3.50. Member annual subscription price \$3.00, which is included in annual member dues. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to The American Legion, Input Services, P.O. Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Internet address: <http://www.legion.org>. Change of Address: Notify The American Legion, Input Services, P.O. Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206. (317) 328-4640. Attach old address label, provide old and new addresses and current membership card number. Canada Post International Publications Mail (Canadian Distribution) Sales Agreement No. 546321. Re-entered second-class mail matter at Manila Central Post office dated Dec. 22, 1991.



Printed in USA

Member Audit Bureau of Circulations

SPECIAL OFFER SEND A ONE-YEAR GIFT SUBSCRIPTION OF

The American Legion Magazine

A Gift From:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Recipient:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ I've enclosed a check for \$9.95. (Normally \$15) ☐ Bill me \$9.95

Send to: Gift Subscription, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206
Offer ends January 15, 1999

The Most Collected Ford... 1931 Ford Model A

ONLY
\$34.99!

Over 100 Parts!
Just Released!



1:18 Scale
Over 9" Long

Specially Authorized by Ford
Ford trademarks used under license from Ford Motor Company

Highly Detailed!



Both sides of the louvered hood open smoothly. The engine is authentically recreated in extraordinary detail.

Truly Authentic!



You can adjust the wind vanes ... just like the original.

Incredible Value!

The Model A was a breakthrough car for Henry Ford. It offered "roaring 20's" style and unmatched performance. Within hours of its introduction, millions flooded showrooms just to get a glimpse at Ford's masterpiece!

Prized by collectors worldwide, the '31 Ford is one of the most sought after Fords ever created! Now, for a limited time, Ford's historic milestone is available from Fairfield Mint at only \$34.99.

Incredible Details!

You will enjoy the many true-to-life details captured in this hefty, 1:18 scale die-cast metal replica! Lift either side of the louvered hood to reveal the authentically reproduced engine.

Handmade from over 100 precision parts, your replica includes two spare tires topped by side view mirrors and adjustable wind vanes. Your Model A will be the showpiece of your collection and the envy of your friends... guaranteed!

Nothing Overlooked!



The working rumble seat is guaranteed to bring back fond memories of the open road.



60 Day No Risk Evaluation

As always, your complete satisfaction is guaranteed. Don't miss your opportunity to own this beautiful replica. Order today!

The hood, doors and rumble seat open smoothly! The steering wheel even turns the front wheels.

**CRAFTED BY HAND OF
SOLID DIE-CAST METAL**

FAIRFIELD MINT
REPLICAS SO REAL,
YOU CAN ALMOST START THEM UP!

FAIRFIELD MINT • 20 Academy Street • Norwalk, CT • 06850-4032

Just Say Yes!

☐ One replica for \$34.99 + \$5.00 S&H

SAVE!

☐ Two or more for \$32.49 + \$4.00 S&H ea.

If I am not completely satisfied, I may return my replica(s) within 60 days of receipt for a full refund or replacement.

Name

Address

City State Zip

Please enclose one of the following as payment:

☐ Check or Money Order (Payable to Fairfield Mint) Qty.

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover Signature

C.C. # Exp. Date

Please allow 2 to 6 weeks after payment for shipment.

MAL26213 62

Eroding Liberties

BALINT VAZSONYI'S "America's 30 Years War" (August) may be the most important article ever published in *The American Legion Magazine*.

Any Legionnaire who did not read it should pick it up and read it thoughtfully, then pass it on to a friend.

Our liberties have been eroded to the point where the Constitution and Bill of Rights are almost irrelevant to the elite who govern from Washington.

The sleeping giant that is America's love of freedom must awaken soon or the world's light of hope will be lost and bring a return of the dark ages for years to come.

—Thomas Akin, North Hampton, N.H.

Editor's Note: The American Legion passed Resolution 29 at the Fall NEC Meeting which encourages Departments to "work directly with Re-Elect America." The program, created by Balint Vazsonyi, involves a bus tour to each state capital encouraging Americans to sign a pledge to return America to the principles penned by the founding fathers.

More information on the "Re-Elect America" bus tour will be in next month's issue.



Honorable Mention

ON VETERANS DAY, I had the honor of giving a speech during the annual ceremony at the post office where I work. This year the U.S. Postal Service dedicated a stamp honoring those who, like

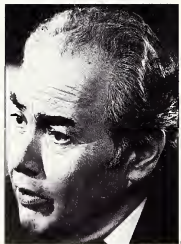


Photo by Michael J. Gallucci

those of us in the armed forces, served their country — firefighters and police officers. I'm proud that representatives of these dedicated individuals stood alongside me in being recognized for the selfless service they continually render.

Over the years of my service, I have seen fine examples of selfless service, but none compare to the selfless service of a group that is rarely honored — the families of veterans. I am humbled every time I hear my daughters sing the National Anthem or say the Pledge of Allegiance. I am proud of them and the service they render to their country.

—Michael J. Gallucci, Geneseo, N.Y.

Prescribed Problem

ONE ISSUE wasn't addressed in your VA article (October). It seems at least some VA medical centers are not honoring prescriptions written by non-VA physicians. The VA pharmacies will fill prescriptions only after veterans make appointments with VA physicians and convince them to write prescriptions for drugs prescribed by the non-VA physicians. The result of this policy is to deny or delay timely medical care to veterans while increasing costs to the VA.

Here's a typical scenario:

A veteran is diagnosed as having a urinary tract infection by his family physician. The veteran goes to the nearest VAMC expecting to get his prescription filled for a \$2 copayment instead of paying \$50 - \$75 at his local

pharmacy. He is informed that his prescription cannot be filled by the VA pharmacy and advised to get an appointment with a VA physician.

He attempts to make an appointment and is told that the earliest appointment available is three to six weeks away. By then the problem will likely have either cured itself or it will have progressed to a more acute renal problem.

The scenario continues to snowball from there, leaving the veteran disillusioned with VA. The VA pharmacist and scheduling clerk have spent time that could be spent with other patients.

I suggest that this is an issue The American Legion should be addressing.

—Lonnie J. Perry, Warrenton, Va.

VA Criticism on Target

THE ARTICLE "Support Vital for Crumbling VA" by Peter Rose in the October issue is on target.

The quote, the "VA is meeting the long-term needs of only 21.4 percent of disabled and poor veterans," is accurate as we all can see from the homeless veterans on our streets. Decent individuals in a non-official capacity are needed for oversight of the VA that is bloated as a "public works" project and short on help for those who must depend on this organization for health care.

—John B. Jaymes, LaBelle, Fla.



Photo by John B. Jaymes

WE WANT YOUR OPINIONS

The American Legion Magazine welcomes letters concerning articles that appear in the publication. Letter writers are also encouraged to submit photographs of themselves for possible publication with their letters. Be sure to include your hometown and a daytime phone number for verification. All letters are subject to editing. Send your opinions to:

The American Legion Magazine
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

You can also contact us via e-mail directly or through the World Wide Web:

e-mail: tal@legion.org
Internet: <http://www.legion.org>

Take a Number

I AM a disabled veteran and have been suffering in severe pain since 1994. I can relate to the articles in the October issue. The VA Hospital in Louisville, Ky., has all but turned its back on me. On one visit to the emergency room for pain, the doctor asked the receptionist to tell me to leave. I have written to my state senator many times about the horrid treatment I receive. Recently, while awaiting an appointment there, my doctor actually

left me in the waiting room until lunchtime when she agreed to see me via the patient representative. The representative then called me in to see her and left me there and went to lunch. After she returned from lunch to attend to me, the doctor wrote on the medical record, "Discharge from clinic, no further appointments."

There must be someone who can respond to the terrible treatment we receive at these hospitals. It is clear that sending letters to our state congressmen and senators does absolutely nothing to change these facilities.

— Roy Edmonson, Hudson, Ky.

Living Like a Refugee

WHETHER IT BE the deplorable state that veterans' health care has become, military families living below the poverty level, veterans forced to sell blood (as if they haven't given enough) to make ends meet, the bottom line is always funding!

The decision makers in Washington, many of whom never served their country, have no problem minimizing or eliminating programs that affect veterans and their families.

However, when a sea of refugees began to arrive in this country, lawmakers suddenly developed a conscience. Our elected representatives had no problem establishing a Federal Medical Fund for Refugees. The only requirement is to be a refugee. However, veterans are subjected to means testing to receive medical service.

What kind of a statement is being made here?

— R.F. Nichols, Waterville, N.Y.

Easy to Second Guess

I ENJOYED the article on Adm. Zumwalt. I retired in 1971 shortly after he became CNO. He took some heat by ordering changes to Navy leadership. The heat was misdirected. Many junior officers and senior enlisted were not prepared nor had the leadership skills to comply.

As to his decisions, you have to call 'em as you see 'em. Since you can't go back, you live with it knowing you made the best call you could at the time. It's OK to second guess, but it changes nothing.

— Dick Cook, Double Oak, Texas

Striking a Chord

THANK YOU for presenting the update on the Boys Nation program (Legion News, October). The delegates' singing thank you reminded me of my days as a delegate to the Bicentennial Boys and Girls Nation in 1976. Three hundred delegates strong, we toured the Jefferson Memorial late one evening. The fading rays of the summer sunset and the awe-inspiring monument led one of the delegates to begin singing softly. Another joined in, and suddenly the entire delegation was singing and holding hands. Others joined our ranks and our impromptu chorus grew to more than 400.

A park ranger sheepishly approached one of our counselors. He explained that singing, even patriotic songs, at a national monument was forbidden. The counselor remarked that he could not stop them, but the ranger was welcome to try. Perhaps due to his lack of desire to enforce the rule, he tried to break the chain between myself and Dale Reneau — an all-state football player and State Superior Vocalist.

So the two largest athletes, Dale and myself, simply tightened our grips and Dale increased his volume. When we finished the song, we headed to our buses, accompanied by applause from the other visitors. The ranger simply walked away.

I regret we have tried to take away the freedom of expression of young patriots through so-called politically correct rules. The result has relegated patriotism to the computer "trash bin" as an out-of-date character trait.

To the 1999 Boys Nation delegates, I extend my heartfelt wishes. Thank you for continuing to carry the torch of freedom.

— Greg James, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Vets in Prison

AS THE PRESIDENT of the Massachusetts Veterans in Prison, Inc., I was glad to see the Legion take the time to print the letter from a brother combat veteran who took a wrong turn in life (VetVoice, October).

There are 272,000 veterans in prison now. Many of them need the kind of help Legionnaires in New York have given to those incarcerated veterans in the New York prison system.

In Massachusetts, we are proud to have Post 40 of Plymouth. They are

working with us on the Hepatitis C issue. Many of the veterans in prison need treatment and are not getting it. Post 40 has really helped resolve this issue. I can only hope the leadership of The American Legion will continue to work for all veterans.

Remember, those of us in prison who were combat veterans fought just as you did. Yes, we made our mistakes, but we are still America's veterans.

— Charles C. Delaney III
Norfolk, Mass.

Foreign Aid Cut

THE SOLUTION to the financing of long-term nursing care is relatively easy — cancel all foreign aid.

Take the \$16 billion spent on foreign aid and use it to bolster long-term care. It's a shame how much money we send out of the country when we have American citizens who need help.

— Mark Drebin, New Port Richey, Fla.



Correction

Editor's Note: In the National Vice Commander biographies from the November issue the following errors occurred: In the Midwest region under Vice Commander Milton Lobstein, Virginia and West Virginia were omitted and Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri were mistakenly included; in the Central Region under Vice Commander Robert D. "Buster" Skallerud, France, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska were omitted; in Southeast Region under Vice Commander James F. Fraughnaugh, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Texas were omitted; and in the Northeast Region under Vice Commander Robert F. Neville, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were omitted. Also, under the National Sergeant at Arms, Charles F. Price, we omitted his years of service with the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1962. We apologize to the Departments and individuals affected and extend our regrets for the errors.

What will you do on the



Discover what millions have turned to for arthritis pain relief.

Celebrex delivers powerful 24-hour relief of your arthritis pain and inflammation day and night. By effectively reducing pain, inflammation and stiffness, Celebrex can help you through the day with activities like standing, walking or climbing stairs and through the night while in bed. Millions of Celebrex prescriptions have been written this year, making it the #1 brand of prescription arthritis medication.*

day you discover Celebrex?

Celebrex is a scientific breakthrough: the first product to target only the COX-2 enzyme. Celebrex has been extensively studied in large clinical trials. The most common side effects were indigestion, diarrhea and abdominal pain. In rare cases, serious stomach problems such as bleeding can occur without warning. The percentage of patients who stopped taking Celebrex due to all side effects (7.1%) was similar to sugar pill (6.1%). You should not take this product if you have had asthma or allergic-type reactions to aspirin, arthritis medications or certain sulfa drugs, called sulfonamides. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have kidney problems or are pregnant.

This information cannot replace your doctor's advice. Only your doctor can assess the benefits and risks to decide if Celebrex is right for you.

The #1 selling brand of prescription arthritis pain medicine.

CELEBREX 
(CELECOXIB CAPSULES) 100 mg
200 mg

Call 1-888-326-8469 or visit www.celebrex.com for more information.

*Does not include generic products.

IMS National Prescription Audit 1/1/99 - 5/31/99.

© 1999 Searle A99CE17512T

Please see following page for important product information.

SEARLE 

©1999, G.D. Searle & Co.

Lance to Congress: Keep Health Care Promises

By John B. Raughter
Editor

AMERICA is breaking promises made to veterans and, in so doing, contributing to recruitment problems for the military, National Commander Al Lance told a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees recently.

"The young men and women who are currently of the age to be eligible for military service are closely examining their options," Lance said in a committee room packed with Legionnaires. "They are aware of the pay and other quality-of-life issues, and they also see what is happening to veterans, military retirees and their families with respect to the diminution of health care and educational benefits. If adequate benefits and incentives are not made available, the armed forces will continue to be hard pressed to attract and to retain high-caliber men and women into its ranks."

*"The bottom line ... is that The American Legion is recommending \$20.5 billion in medical care funding in FY 2001."
—Al Lance*

Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., agreed. "In terms of recruitment and retention, how we behave and how we keep those commitments are critically important."

Lance's testimony impressed Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., who chided some of her colleagues and told the Commander, "We talk a great talk today. But you need to make sure that we're not just talking the talk, (but) that we are walking the walk."

Brown, who favors a \$3 billion increase over the Clinton administration's fiscal 2000 VA health care budget, criticized Republican tax cut proposals. "It is ludicrous to say we have a surplus when we have not paid our bills. We're talking about \$3 billion and we're talking about a \$700 billion tax cut. It doesn't make any sense."

Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., defended



National Commander Al Lance urges Congress to keep its promise to provide health care for veterans.

the work of the committee and Chairman Bob Stump, R-Ariz. "Under Bob Stump's leadership, we've added a billion dollars in appropriations. That doesn't just happen. That takes a lot of hard work," Buyer said. "A billion dollars is real money."

Legislative Priorities. Lance also thanked the committee for adding funds to the fiscal 2000 VA medical care budget. "The American Legion was appalled by the president's FY 2000 budget request for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Particularly, since during its development we had desperately attempted to warn both the president and the Office of Management and Budget of the need for additional funding for medical care. Unfortunately, those warnings fell on deaf ears," he said.

"However, thanks to the work of the Veterans Affairs Committees and others in Congress, it appears certain that the badly needed funds will be appropriated."

Lance then turned his attention to fiscal 2001. "The bottom line, Mr. Chairman, is that The American Legion is recommending \$20.5 billion in medical care funding in FY 2001."

Lance submitted a written statement detailing American Legion legislative priorities, which included a broad spectrum of veterans' needs such as funds for tobacco-related claims, the Hepatitis C virus and Gulf War illnesses.

"Veterans, in general, as in the case with the population as a whole, are living longer," Lance said. "With the aging process comes the need for more acute and intense medical care and, in many instances, long-term care for chronic illnesses and disabilities."

He urged both the House and Senate to closely examine the GI Bill of Health, which would guarantee all veterans and their families access to the VA health care system.

"The American Legion is convinced that the GI Bill of Health is the best solution for the future of the VA medical care system," said Lance. "It is a responsible proposal that will be advantageous to veterans, VA and ultimately to the taxpayers in the United States."

Lance's testimony was warmly received by committee members. Quinn also praised the Legion for its National Emergency Fund. "I'd like to congratulate The American Legion for helping victims of the recent floods and other natural disasters. I understand that The American Legion has helped over 3,500 families nationwide since 1989. I'd like to congratulate you on that."

After the hearing, scores of Legionnaires visited with congressional members and urged them to pass many of The American Legion's legislative priorities. The National Commander also addressed these priorities in a meeting with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Shabby Treatment Equals Recruiting Woes

America's military strength is the indispensable foundation of our nation's freedom and economic prosperity. Alarmingly, the deterrent underpinning of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is beginning to deteriorate.

Our nation's slim, trim, post-Cold War military is leaner than it ought to be. The armed forces in fiscal 1998 signed up some 186,000 recruits, about 8,000 shy of the Department of Defense "goal" of 192,000. DoD's fiscal '98 goal was lower than the 197,000 men and women recruited in fiscal '97, a reflection of a downsized active-duty force of about 1.35 million. Recruiting projections for the current fiscal year are even more dismal. The armed forces simply cannot match the financial inducements of private sector careers available to young people, particularly in today's strong economy. As a veterans advocate, I believe there is another dimension of recent recruiting shortfalls: whether veterans and today's active-duty troops are apt to recommend military service to others.

"Our nation must not depend upon hard economic times to make young people consider becoming citizen-soldiers."

On Sept. 28, in my first Capitol Hill appearance as your National Commander, I offered Congress one solution to this precarious trend. I urged a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees to bestow well-deserved benefits to military veterans and quality-of-life improvements to those in uniform today.

Our nation must not depend upon hard economic times to make young people consider becoming citizen-soldiers.

Congress must stock the armed forces with vital ammunition for the Pentagon's war on attrition: Pay raises and enlistment bonuses, for instance, must make

salaries somewhat more competitive with those of the private sector. It is illogical to expect young people to join the military when an estimated 12,000 troops are on public assistance.

Ultimately, however, the treatment of veterans by their Uncle Sam transmits an important message to young people considering military service — especially young people with veterans in their families. Today's young adults hear from relatives who wait weeks to be seen by a VA doctor. They read accounts about mysterious Gulf War illnesses affecting people not much older than they are, and how many of the sick believe government could do more. They know veterans groups lobby hard for health care and benefits that, frankly, Congress should provide without prodding.

Consider these questions: Do military retirees receive lifetime access to quality health care? Is the VA health care system accessible to all veterans and their families? If a veteran suffers from an illness that appears to have originated in-service, will the federal government process his or her claim in a timely and efficient manner? Recent high school and college graduates, with any of America's 25 million veterans in their families, know that the answers are "No," "No" and "Maybe."

Access to Health Care. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for the armed forces to find a few good men and women? Access to precious health care, for oneself and one's family, is an inducement to do anything, including raise one's right hand and take the oath of military service. After Congress implements The American Legion GI Bill of Health, every veteran and his or her family will have access to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system.

The plan will allow veterans and their families either to use their own third-party coverage to pay for treatment in a VA hospital or to select a VA-approved plan of co-payments and deductibles. Military retirees on Tricare and elderly veterans on Medicare will



receive the VA health care they deserve. The additional third-party funding will reduce — but not eliminate — the system's dependency on taxpayer funding. Under the plan, those who currently use the VA health care system will continue to have unfettered access.

While Congress studies the GI Bill of Health, an increase in VA funding is a short-term solution to taking care of those who took care of our freedom.

I applaud the House for appropriating an additional \$1.7 billion to the administration's paltry VA health care recommendation for fiscal 2000. I also applaud those in the Senate who support roughly the same funding increase.

But the overall VA budget, capped by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, must be increased to pay for more adjudicators to expedite claims processing, among other improvements.

Our nation must take better care of its troops and veterans because it is the right thing to do.

Liberty dwells where tyranny is repelled. Although the Guard, Reserves and, if necessary, a Selective Service System are reservoirs of reinforcements, our nation must not entrust our freedom to depleted armed forces — not with "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" at stake.



1999 • The Official Millennium Collection • 2008

DISCOVER AMERICA ONE QUARTER AT A TIME



GEORGIA



PENNSYLVANIA



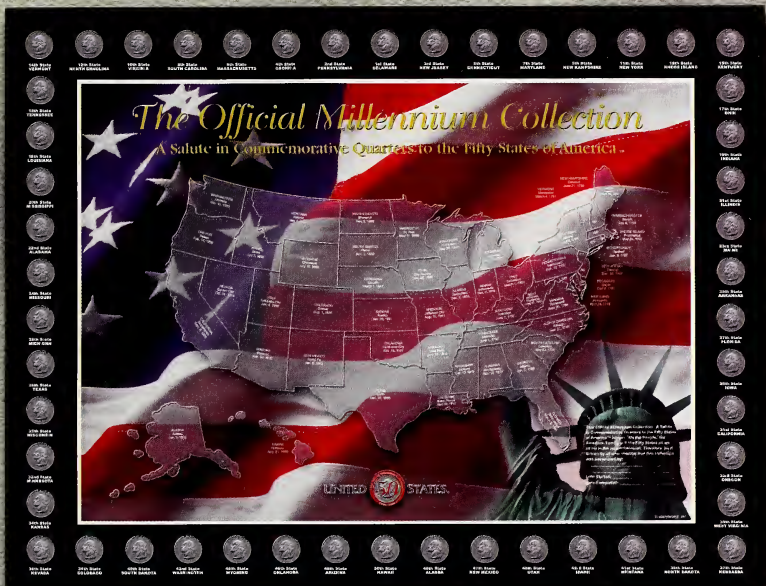
DELAWARE



NEW JERSEY



CONNECTICUT



CREATE A LIFETIME TREASURE AND FAMILY LEGACY. Our glorious history will unfold from 1999-2008 as five quarters are issued each year honoring the 50 states in the order they joined the Union. The Official Millennium Collection is a spectacular 20" x 26" color display for your historic collection. **ORDER TODAY - CALL TOLL FREE: 1-877-50 USA 50.**

www.united50states.com

Visit our website. Benefit your organization or favorite charity.

FREE!



This beautiful 20" x 26" family tree lets you trace your family heritage and record its history. Receive it **FREE** with your purchase of the Official Millennium Collection.

To Place An Order:

By Mail: The Official Millennium Collection
110 Veterans Memorial Blvd
Metairie, LA 70005-3027

By Phone: 1-877-50 USA 50
By Fax: 1-888-840-9709
website:.....www.united50states.com

Mailing Address: Please Print

Name _____ Date _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Description	Quantity	Price	Amount
The Official Millennium Collection		19.95 Each	
The Family Tree		Free	0
Extra Family Trees (No shipping charges)		4.95 Each	

Type of Payment

☐ Check (make payments payable to The Official Millennium Collection)

☐ Credit Card ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Shipping & Handling (\$4.95 each item)

Subtotal

TOTAL

BILL BENNETT ON CHRISTMAS

*Author has
"limitless"
faith
in America*



Former Secretary of Education, Co-founder of Empower America and best-selling author, Dr. William Bennett.

AP Photo/Michael Caulfield

BILL BENNETT often refers to the values and traditions that made this country what it is. One of those traditions, Christmas, is something Bennett said he never really fully appreciated until he was married and had children. "The Christmases with them have topped anything that has come before," he said. "Having a family at Christmas is the best thing that has ever happened to me. ... We go to midnight Mass and Joe (Bennett's youngest son) has a habit of falling asleep in our laps, sleeping at home and then getting up early for the tree."

The renowned author and former Secretary of Education under President Reagan has two young sons with his wife, Elayne. A bachelor until he was 39, Bennett said he has spent many Christmases by himself. "I remember one I spent with a friend at a Greyhound bus station in Austin, Texas. We had dinner down there because it was about all we could afford."

Bennett recently spoke to *The American Legion Magazine's* Steve Brown about Christmas and other Christian and Jewish traditions that have helped guide this nation for more than 200 years.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: What makes the Christmas tradition so special?

BILL BENNETT: Christmas and Easter constitute the two holiest days of the year, the most important days to celebrate. For Christians worldwide, Christmas is a time to reflect about how life must be infused with something transcendent, something more important than the daily scope of our responsibilities. Christmas season reminds us that we are connected to something more important; larger, higher and better than we are.

Q: With respect to Christmas, nativity scenes, the ACLU and court decisions: Is America getting away from traditional Western, Judeo-Christian values?

A: It seems to be in an anything-goes mode. There have been a lot of books written about the drift. Allan Wolf, who's a professor at Boston College, wrote a book called "One Nation After All," in which he's sympathetic to what I would call this drift. He says the Ten Commandments have become the ten suggestions.

People are unwilling to exercise judgment about others' behavior or their own for fear of being called judgmental. Judgmental is now a term of opprobrium. Clearly none of us wants to be a flaming sword, in the sense that we want to

A romantic embrace between an elderly couple outdoors. The man, on the right, is wearing a plaid shirt and jeans, and the woman, on the left, is wearing a brown jacket. They are standing in front of a blurred background of trees and a body of water, suggesting a park or waterfront setting. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a romantic atmosphere.

VIAGRA[®]
(sildenafil citrate) tablets
Let the dance begin.[™]

go around being intolerant, criticizing our neighbors and friends. But the capacity to judge things right or wrong is one of the unique capacities of humans. We owe it to our neighbors, friends and children to make judgments from time to time about right and wrong.

Q: Should America try to be or remain a society founded in the Judeo-Christian tradition?

A: That's a very interesting question; the \$64,000 question. It can't cease being what it is, in the sense of how it was created or how it came to be. It is a Judeo-Christian nation in origin. Pilgrims came here for a reason. The Declaration of Independence was written for a reason and stands as a cornerstone of government for a reason.

The reason in all these cases is a deep religious belief; a commitment to certain ideas about the dignity of man, the viability of conscience and the fact that man is a moral,

"WE CONTROL OUR FATE, OUR FUTURE AND A LARGE PART OF OUR CHILDREN'S AND GRANDCHILDREN'S FUTURE."

spiritual being and attention must be paid to his moral, spiritual nature.

That idea is under attack from various sources: intellectuals, universities, movies, books and increasingly in the popular culture. There's an assault on this notion that man is a spiritual being. People of faith tend to be stereotyped as extremists and nuts. We see that in a lot of sitcoms these days.

So there is an attempt to denude the American experience of its religious significance, origins and meaning. And that's a bad thing.

I think the real struggle in the next 10, 20 or 30 years may be between what you might call the traditionalists and the nihilists. The traditionalists being people who hold to basic traditional values of right and wrong, the Ten Commandments, roughly, and nihilists and relativists who believe that there is no such basis for values.

Q: How would you say morals and family values affect the security of the nation?

A: Clearly, one way is the leadership. If the commander in chief is seeking to run or hide from personal responsibility, that can get the country into trouble.

I'm somewhat worried about whether these ventures in foreign policy and troop deployment were put out to divert our attention from press investigation. I've seen a lot of people who believe that. That's a very serious matter in terms of public credibility and the uses of our precious men and women in uniform. So that's a serious matter.

Otherwise, it's the credibility of the country; the stories we are able to tell our children about the valor of our people; the bravery and courage of our leaders. All these become subject to a kind of cynical corrosion when people in office don't act faithfully.

Q: Will Americans still be celebrating Christmas at the end of the next century?

A: Yes. My faith in America is virtually limitless. There are some discouraging things going on now, but there are some very encouraging things. People know what our problem is. The reforming impulses are there. We have to realize it's up to us. It's in our hands. We control our fate, our future and a large part of our children's and grandchildren's future.

This democracy, this republic is a do-it-yourself enterprise. Will we turn in this incredible economy we have to just personal and idle pursuits, or will we return some of our attention to the commonwealth of the country we love and revere and for which so many have done so much? That's the question. And I believe because I accept no other alternative that yes, we will stand and stand strong at the end of the next century. □

Article design: Mary Lawson



Courtesy of Bill Bennett

The Bennett family: John (15), Joseph (10), Elayne, and Bill.

Bill Bennett – Reminding America of American Values

Born: Brooklyn, New York 1943.

1965: Bachelor of Arts Degree (English and philosophy), Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

1970: Doctorate in political philosophy, the University of Texas.

1971: Juris Doctor, Harvard University.

1979: Published first book, "Counting by Race," with Terry Eastland.

1981: Named chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities by President Reagan.

1982: Married to wife, Elayne.

1989: Appointed "Drug Czar" by President Bush.

1993: Founded *Empower America*, an organization aimed at encouraging public policy solutions that maximize free markets and individual responsibility, with Jack Kemp, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Vin Weber.

1994: Published "The Book of Virtues."

1999: Published "The Death of Outrage: Bill Clinton and the Assault on American Ideals."

Makes a great gift.

On the other hand, you've been
very, very good this year.



The Bose® Wave® radio/CD is an ideal gift for your favorite music lover. But listen to it once, and you may not want to give it away. After all, the Wave radio/CD can fill any home this holiday season with lifelike, full stereo sound. And yet it's small enough to fit on an end table, on a kitchen counter — just about anywhere.

There really is nothing like the Wave radio/CD. In fact, the *Oregonian* says, "...the system remains one of those little unexplained miracles of acoustic physics...." The miracle is our patented acoustic waveguide speaker technology, and it's what produces such clear, room-filling sound from such a small enclosure. It even won its team of engineers the "Inventor of the Year" award.

The Wave radio/CD is available directly from Bose, the most respected name in sound. Try the Wave radio/CD or Wave radio risk free in your home

for 30 days. If you are not completely satisfied, return it for a full refund, no questions asked. Call today at 1-800-492-2073, ext. T3569, and ask about our interest-free installment payment plan. The Bose Wave radio/CD will make your favorite music lover — who just might be you — very, very happy.

For free shipping,
order within 30 days.

1-800-492-2073, ext. T3569

For information on all our products: www.bose.com/t3569

Please specify color when ordering:

Wave radio/CD: ☐ Platinum White or ☐ Graphite Gray

Wave radio: ☐ Platinum White or ☐ Graphite Gray

Name _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Mail to: Bose Corporation,
Dept. DMG-T3569, The Mountain,
Framingham, MA 01701-9168

BOSE®
Better sound through research®

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE: AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE FUTURE

By James H. Anderson

LAST YEAR, The American Legion passed a resolution supporting the deployment of a national missile defense system — a timely measure given the proliferation of ballistic missiles in the Third World. Yet despite this growing threat, and the danger of an accidental or unauthorized launch from Russia and China, the United States presently has no ability to intercept missiles aimed at its cities.

Third World missile capabilities have increased dramatically in recent years. In August 1998, North Korea tested the Taepo Dong-1, a three-stage rocket with the potential to reach parts of Hawaii and Alaska. North Korea is building the next generation ballistic missile, the Taepo Dong-2, an even longer-range missile capable of reaching America's West Coast.

North Korea is not the only rogue state America has to worry about. According to intelligence estimates, more than 20 states are developing ballistic missiles. Ballistic missiles have become *de rigueur* for states seeking to offset America's prowess on the battlefield. America's crushing defeat of Iraqi forces in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 convinced many would-be aggressors it would be unwise

Rogue nations' development of ballistic missiles should spur the United States to implement a national missile defense system.

to challenge the United States conventionally; NATO's punishing air campaign against Yugoslavia earlier this year will probably reinforce this conclusion.

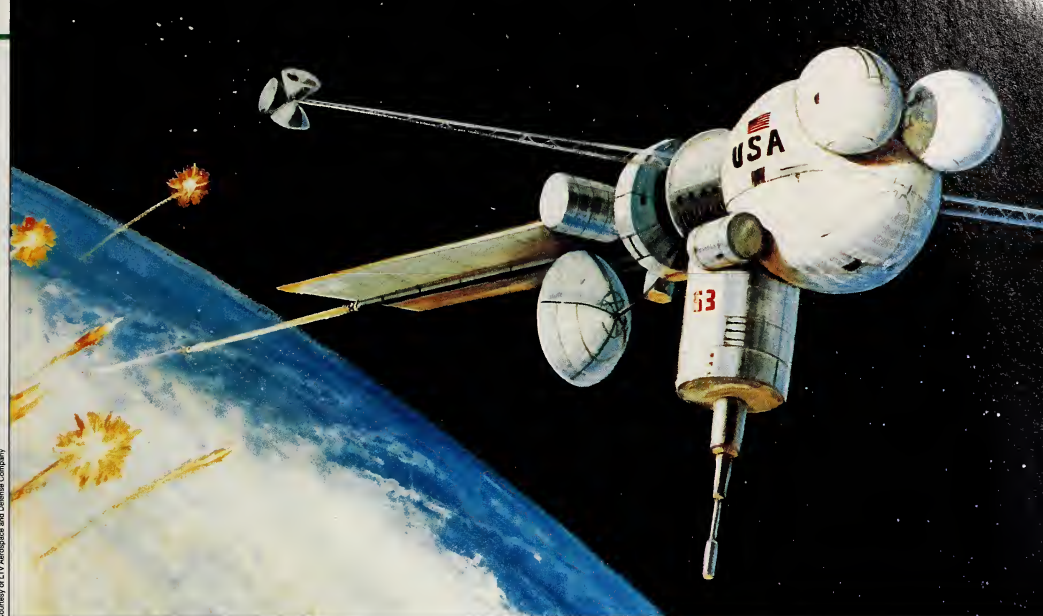
Third World leaders also are attracted to ballistic missile programs because of their relatively low cost. Ballistic missiles are cheaper than maintaining other delivery systems, such as manned bombers. In addition, dictators find missiles attractive because they can exercise tight operational control over them.

Post-Cold War Deterrence. Deterring the threat of missile attack is more problematic now than it was during the Cold War. Back then, the United States deterred Soviet aggression with the threat of reprisal. Today America is faced with a more diverse array of threats, ranging from accidental or unauthorized launch by Russia or China to emerging Third World capabilities.

Deterrence based on retaliation presumes one's opponent will act rationally. History, however, indicates the opposite is true. During World War II, for example, Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan fought on long after it was clear they would lose.



With some modifications, Aegis-class destroyers could help U.S. allies by providing a mobile missile defense system.



Courtesy of LTV Aerospace and Defense Company

Looking to the future, it would be unwise to assume the threat of retaliation will always suffice to dissuade Third World states from attacking. Missile defense should be considered a prudent form of insurance against deterrence failing. "It is ... folly not to take every step we possibly can to defend ourselves against a possible attack from Russia, China, North Korea, Iran and Iraq," says Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense. "As we have seen ... India and Pakistan are deploying ballistic missiles and North Korea has unleashed this three-stage missile over Japan."

The United States will pay a terrible price if deterrence fails and an enemy missile destroys an American city. The damage in human and material terms would dwarf that of any natural disaster the United States has suffered. Even absent an actual attack, America's vulnerability to missile attack will undermine its ability to honor security commitments abroad. President Bush's response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 probably would have been different if Saddam Hussein had possessed missiles capable of striking the United States.

Critics of national missile defense charge it would be too costly. In the 1980s, one estimate, often repeated by

the media, pegged the cost of Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative program at \$1 trillion. Today, the projected costs of deploying a multi-layered defense are much less. Taking into account current budget projections, most proposals for building a national missile defense system would consume roughly two or three percent of defense expenditures annually.

The decline in costs is two-fold. First, early critics of Reagan's research program exaggerated some of the initial cost estimates. Second, computer chips are becoming faster, more sophisticated and cheaper every year. These advances generally favor defensive technologies designed to locate, track and intercept ballistic missiles.

Feasibility. Opponents of missile defense also claim deploying a system now would waste money because better technology will be available in the future. By this rationale, however, the time for actual development will never be ripe. A police chief who decided to withhold bulletproof vests from his patrol officers because more technologically advanced vests were being researched would not last five minutes in office.

Congress should insist on a deployment plan that makes the best use of technologies available now and those expected to be available in the

An artist's conception shows the potential of a space-based missile defense system that could destroy an incoming missile quicker and lessen the odds of nuclear fallout over the United States and its allies.



Courtesy of LTV Aerospace and Defense Company

Patriot surface-to-air missiles proved themselves during the Gulf War. The portable missile defense weapons were most effective in stopping Iraqi SCUDs.

"The threat of ballistic missile attack from Third World states is not a Hollywood fantasy or a Tom Clancy novel..."

near future. Intercept tests conducted this year with the advanced Patriot and Theater High Altitude Area Defense anti-missile systems have already demonstrated the United States' hit-to-kill capability. America should move swiftly to test national systems capable of protecting the country against missile attack. As with any major military programs, appropriate upgrades to a deployed system should be considered as technology advances.

A properly designed missile defense should be able to anticipate and neutralize potential countermeasures. For example, a defensive system that can intercept enemy missiles shortly after liftoff would destroy them before they could release individual warheads, bomblets and decoys. A national missile defense system also would have inherent self-defense capabilities against the potential of direct attack. For example, sea-based defenses could maneuver to avoid attack. For their

part, space-based sensors could be protected against countermeasures by making them maneuverable or perhaps coating them with "stealth" technology to evade detection.

What About the ABM Treaty? Critics also charge deployment of a national missile defense would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which prohibited the construction of nationwide defenses. This charge would be true if the treaty were still in force. But this Cold War agreement was linked inextricably with the Soviet Union's unique geographic and legal personality. Yet today neither Russia nor any combination of Soviet successor states is capable of fulfilling the original purposes of the ABM Treaty. This is why numerous scholars and strategists, including ABM architect Henry Kissinger, believe this agreement is legally defunct.

Unfortunately, the administration's attempt to preserve the core of this outdated treaty will likely perpetuate

restrictions on the type of national missile defense system America needs to deploy. In particular, treaty restrictions will hamper the development of sea- and space-based defenses.

Moving beyond the ABM Treaty will not ruin relations with Moscow, as critics often charge. Moderate Russian leaders have no reason to feel threatened by a defensive system designed to save lives. While Russia's future political course remains uncertain, the United States has a duty to protect its citizens against missile threats, whatever their source. "Ballistic missile defenses, both strategic and theater, can significantly enhance deterrence and crisis stability, increase military capabilities, protect allies, friends and coalitions ... and improve the conditions for peace in troubled regions," says Ronald Lehman, former director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

With such troubled regions pressing ahead with long-range missile programs, it is neither smart nor fair



China makes little attempt to hide its development of long-range missiles.



AN OFFICIAL COLLECTIBLE SUPPORTING PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

NEW TOP MEMBER FAMILIES

Own the first knife to support our heroes and capture the spirit of "The Wall"



A piece of the same granite used in "The Wall"

Individually numbered



Hand-finished stainless steel blade

Generously plated with sterling silver and 22 karat gold



Hand-enameled Vietnam Service Medal Ribbon accented with gold and three bronze campaign stars

Dramatic scene depicting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in vivid color

- First PVA knife to commemorate "The Wall"
- Individually numbered
- Limited forever to just 45 casting days
- Authenticated with the official PVA gold-plated medallion

The Vietnam Memorial Knife shown actual size of 7 1/2" (extended)

JUST \$37.50 WITH A LIFETIME MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE.

YOUR purchase directly supports Paralyzed Veterans of America in helping our paralyzed heroes achieve dignity and independence. So order your premiere, numbered edition collector knife today!

NO AMERICAN monument rivals the power of "The Wall," the ultimate expression of American sacrifice. Now Paralyzed Veterans of America presents its first knife to support America's true heroes—our paralyzed veterans and those who gave their lives in Vietnam. It captures the poignant contrast between personal mementos left at The Wall and the Washington Monument, symbol of the values our veterans have always defended. Every detail is vivid and real—the

combat boots, helmet and purple heart...the wreath and the flowers, perhaps left by a grieving mother. Created by award-winning knife designer Jared Dietz. Generously plated in sterling silver and 22 karat gold, hand-enameled and individually numbered. To acquire this exceptional collecting premiere and help America's paralyzed veterans, please mail your order today.



YOUR Purchase directly benefits Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Mail to: Paralyzed Veterans of America
Veterans Commemoratives Order Center
7458 Shipley Avenue, Harmons, MD 21076

Please mail promptly!

YES. I wish to support Paralyzed Veterans of America by ordering THE WALL commemorative knife including a Certificate of Authenticity and Lifetime Guarantee. I need send no money now. I will be billed for \$37.50* when my knife is ready to be sent to me. I understand I may only acquire one knife.

*Plus \$4.95 for shipping and handling. PA residents add 6% state sales tax.

Signature _____

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE

Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(_____) _____

Paralyzed Veterans of America

©Paralyzed Veterans of America 1999

WALKIN ALM-1209

that America's plans for a national missile defense remain beholden to an outdated treaty.

Current Plans. One current proposal is to build one, possibly two, ground-based sites. This, however, would be far more costly and less effective than sea- and space-based alternatives. A ground-based system would have an extremely narrow window to intercept missiles with multiple warheads and decoys that have separated from their rocket boosters. Even with a successful intercept, deadly fallout from a nuclear, chemical or biological weapon would occur over the United States.

To counter the emerging threat, America should develop defenses to identify, track and shoot down hostile missiles shortly after liftoff, when they are most vulnerable to interceptors and before they can release their deadly cargo. Sea- and space-based defenses hold the greatest promise for achieving this "boost-phase" intercept capability.

To this end, the United States should move rapidly to upgrade the anti-missile capability of the Navy's

Aegis defense system, first deployed over a decade ago to protect its fleet. This proposal would not require the construction of any additional ships, for the Navy already has 22 Aegis cruisers.

With appropriate upgrades and modifications, a sea-based system could provide the United States with an initial layer of protection against missile threats. This system also could help protect America's allies. For example, Aegis cruisers in the Mediterranean could shield Western Europe against Iranian missile attacks. Eventually, America could reinforce its sea-based defenses with space-based interceptors to provide its citizens with an additional layer of protection.

News, Not Fiction. The threat of ballistic missile attack from Third World states is not a Hollywood fantasy or a plot in a Tom Clancy novel. The loss of a single city to a nuclear-tipped missile would dwarf the damage caused by the terrorist strikes on the World Trade Center and the federal building in Oklahoma City.

As long as the United States

remains defenseless, future dictators will seek the capacity to threaten the lives of millions of Americans with long-range missiles. "I believe there is a threat today," says Gen. John Piotrowski, former commander in chief of the Space Command. "I believe that as long as we have no defense against ballistic missiles, it makes them very attractive to people who either want to blackmail us or wish us ill."

The United States will be forced to think twice about honoring security agreements abroad because of its own vulnerability at home. Fortunately, technological advances have made national missile defense both affordable and practical. Prudence dictates that the United States deploy an effective national missile defense before rogue states acquire missiles capable of destroying American cities.

James H. Anderson, Ph.D., is a research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a public policy think-tank. He is the author of "America At Risk: The Citizen's Guide to Missile Defense."

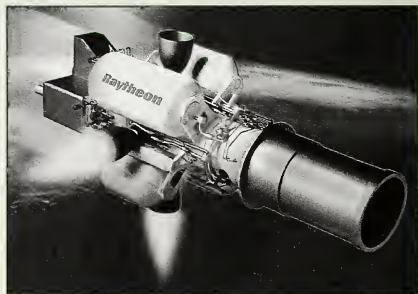
Article Design: Mary Lawson

Missile Defense Clears Hurdle

RACING TOWARD each other at a combined speed of 15,000 mph, an "exoatmospheric kill vehicle" intercepted an unarmed Minuteman rocket over the Pacific Ocean in early October. The successful test nudged the Clinton administration toward approving the implementation of a missile-defense system – a program that has been greatly accelerated since North Korea's test launch over Japan.

Raytheon Missiles Systems became the front-runner in the great missile-defense system race when its EKV avoided the distraction of a decoy balloon and a dummy warhead and destroyed the incoming missile. According to *The Washington Post*, Raytheon's EKV will have to pass three additional flight tests before Clinton "faces a decision next summer over whether to field a national anti-missile system by 2005 with an estimated cost between now and then of \$10.5 billion."

Congressional Democrats, historical opponents of missile defense, would have balked at such a program in years past. But with nations such as North Korea, Iran and Syria developing – and successfully testing – ballistic missiles, partisan policy has been abandoned. *The Washington Post* quoted longtime missile defense supporter Rep. Robert Andrews, D-N.J., "I wouldn't



Raytheon Missiles Systems' Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicle is at the forefront of the Pentagon's action list. According to a recent article in *The New York Times Magazine*, if the tests are successful, "President Clinton will be more likely to give a green light to deploy the system."

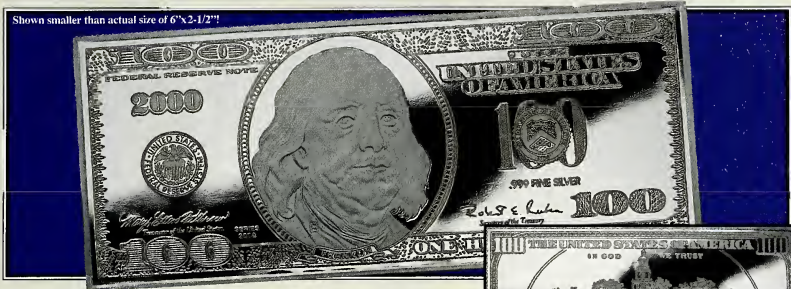
want to be the one to explain to people who live in and around a city where a missile hit that this was very improbable, and we didn't do anything."

– Layne Cameron

Limited Advance Striking...

WORLD'S FIRST \$100 SILVER PROOF

Shown smaller than actual size of 6"x2-1/2"



The Washington Mint Announces the Historic Striking of an Extraordinary Silver Proof – the New United States \$100 Bill Struck in Pure Silver Bullion – Advance Price \$99

The Washington Mint announces the limited advance minting of a milestone in silver proofs – the WORLD'S FIRST \$100 Silver Proof.

This extraordinary piece of pure silver bullion has a surface area that exceeds 30 square inches, and it contains more than FOUR OUNCES OF PURE SILVER BULLION.

And NOW, during a limited advance strike period, the VERY FIRST \$100 Silver Proofs for 2000 are available at a special discount price – only \$99!

20 YEARS IN THE MAKING

The 2000 Quarter-Pound Silver Proof is an exquisite adaptation of the United States Treasury's new \$100 Federal Reserve Note. It took the Treasury unit over 20 years to create its first new \$100 bill design since 1928. Their efforts have created the most striking note of the century.

Best of all, this stunning Silver Proof is even more beautiful than the original, because it's struck in *precious silver bullion*!

UNPRECEDENTED WEIGHT

The Quarter-Pound Silver Proof combines unprecedented weight with extraordinary dimension – it is a landmark in proof minting.

The specifications for this colossal medallion proof are unparalleled. Each one:

- Is Individually Struck from Pure .999 Silver Bullion
- Weighs Over One Quarter-Pound (4 troy ounces)
- Has a Surface Area That Exceeds 30 Square Inches
- Contains 124.41 Grams (1,920 grains) of Pure Silver
- Is Individually Registered and Comes With a Numbered Certificate of Authenticity
- Is Fully Encapsulated to Protect its Mirror-Finish
- Includes a Deluxe Velvet Presentation Case

ADVANCE STRIKE DISCOUNT

The price for the 2000 Quarter-Pound Silver Proof will be set at \$125 per proof.

HOWEVER, IF YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW, YOU CAN ACQUIRE THIS GIANT SILVER PROOF AT THE SPECIAL ADVANCE STRIKE DISCOUNT PRICE—ONLY \$99. NOTE TO COLLECTORS: IF YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR THE QUARTER-POUND SILVER PROOF WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS, IT WILL BE PROCESSED IMMEDIATELY, AND THE

EARLIEST ORDERS WILL RECEIVE THE LOWEST REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS

Substantial additional discounts are available for serious collectors who wish to acquire more than one of these exquisite silver proofs. You can order:

THREE Quarter-Pound Silver Proofs for \$288.

FIVE Quarter-Pound Silver Proofs for \$469.

TEN Quarter-Pound Silver Proofs for \$889.

TWENTY Quarter-Pound Silver Proofs for \$1,698.

There is a limit of twenty Quarter-Pound Silver Proofs per order, and all orders are subject to acceptance by The Washington Mint, LLC. Total charges for shipping, handling and insurance are limited to \$9.50 per order, regardless of the quantity ordered.

ONLY 100,000 AVAILABLE

The Washington Mint will strike only 100,000 Quarter-Pound Silver Proofs for 2000, so oversubscription is a virtual certainty.

BEGINNING TODAY, TELEPHONE ORDERS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A STRICT FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS ACCORDING TO THE TIME AND DATE OF THE ORDER.

CUSTOMERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SECURE THEIR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY BY CALLING TOLL-FREE:

1-800-926-MINT
Ext. 53202 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

A major credit card is necessary to secure your reservation, and The Washington Mint fully guarantees satisfaction with a money-back policy for a full 60 days.

The Washington Mint, LLC®

Since 1981, The Washington Mint has procured rare coins, secured bullion and struck medallions for the American numismatic public as an independent private mint, not affiliated with the United States Government. This independence provides the cornerstone for our commitment to excellence in both product and service, and most importantly, it guarantees to our customers essential rights and complete satisfaction.

OLYMPIAN BATTLES ON

*Thirty Years
After
Winning
Olympic
Gold, Peggy
Fleming
Faced The
Fight Of Her
Life*



By Phyllis Zauner

PEGGY FLEMING was in a Milan hotel room applying her makeup in front of a mirror when she made the discovery. "As I raised my arm above my head I saw a lump pop up on my breast." It surprised her because just five months earlier a mammogram had showed no problems. "At first I thought it might be a muscle because I work out a lot. But my husband, who is a physician, said to check it out immediately. I flew out of Italy and arrived in San

Francisco at 11 o'clock that night. I was at the doctor's office at 9 o'clock the next morning. That was the beginning of the whole scenario. It was January 1998."

She wasn't totally alarmed. There had been benign lumps before, and after a biopsy the doctor said he thought this one would be fine, too. So she left the next morning to fulfill a skating commitment in Boston.

"When I found out I did have cancer, my life came to a screeching halt. But I didn't panic. I thought 'OK, tell me what I need to do. I'm going to go and do it right away. I want to get this

out of me.'" She was lucky. Hers turned out to be a slow-growing type of breast cancer known as tubular carcinoma that responds well to lumpectomy and radiation. The mass would be removed, along with surrounding tissue to see if lymph nodes were involved.

On Feb. 10, 1998, 30 years to the day since she won her Gold medal for figure skating at Grenoble, Peggy Fleming was on an operating table, facing a challenge as daunting as any that the Olympic Games could offer. The mass was removed, but what lay ahead was six weeks of daily radiation



Peggy Fleming, 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist, recently chalked up her biggest victory – this one against breast cancer.

bonded and actually had fun. We'd be laughing and the staff would have to break us up and say, 'You really have to have your treatment.' It was a real up time, not depressing at all.

"Sometimes I'd almost forget I was having those treatments. I'd be out grocery shopping, feeling good, and someone would take my arm and ask solicitously if I was all right. I'd have to stop and think, 'Oh, yes, I'm going through treatment.' Finally I had a hat made that said 'I'm fine,' across the top. I wear it when I'm on my runs, or if I'm having a really bad hair day."

In a way, that was part of the reason she decided to go public with her disease. She saw that a lot of people were worried, and she wanted to be sure the information going out was correct. Today, the word "cancer" is no longer a death sentence, and Fleming believes a positive approach is the most pleasant way to deal with it. She makes frequent lectures at health seminars telling women how to avoid the trauma of going through cancer: Get an annual mammogram, visit your doctor regularly. But the most important is monthly self-examination. You are a key player in saving your life, she says. Take an aggressive approach, take cancer detection seriously.

Broadcaster. Fleming, 51, is back on track this year. She's covering ABC Sports from the Russian Grand Prix to figure skating competitions at Salt Lake City. "It's fun to be around a sport that did so much for me," she says. "It's creative and so expressive, it's wonderful to still be in touch with it." As for her own skating performances, she may drop those.

COMBATING BREAST CANCER

A 1997 VA partnership with the National Cancer Institute offers veterans the opportunity to participate in NCI clinical trials across the country at VA expense. Prevention, diagnostic and treatment clinical trials are included in this program. An NCI trial has shown medication can reduce the incidence of breast cancer in some women at high risk.

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed non-skin cancer among American women and second to lung cancer in cancer-related deaths, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Approximately 184,000 cases of breast cancer were diagnosed in 1996, when about 44,000 women died from the disease. Five percent to 10 percent of those cases were inherited forms of the disease.

Breast cancer increased about 2 percent each year in the 1980s but has leveled off in this decade. The death rate for women with breast cancer declined 6.3 percent between 1991 and 1995. The greatest reductions in death rates were among younger women (9.3 percent) and white women (6.6 percent), with more modest reductions among African Americans (1.6 percent) and women age 65 and older (2.8 percent).

"Physically I'm fine, I work out daily. But I have a husband and two sons, and these performances take a lot of time out of my life. I've already done all that. There aren't many ice shows I've missed."

Her grand victory at Grenoble has almost faded from memory with passing time. But the confidence it gave her has remained a lifetime resource.

"They were all counting on me to be the one who would win the Gold," she recalls. "'Go out there and win,' they called out. 'We need you!' The pressure was tremendous. They were all behind me. But in the end I was the one who had to go out there on the ice and do it."

Perhaps that's the story of Peggy Fleming. She's been out there and "doing it" ever since – in her career and her life. □

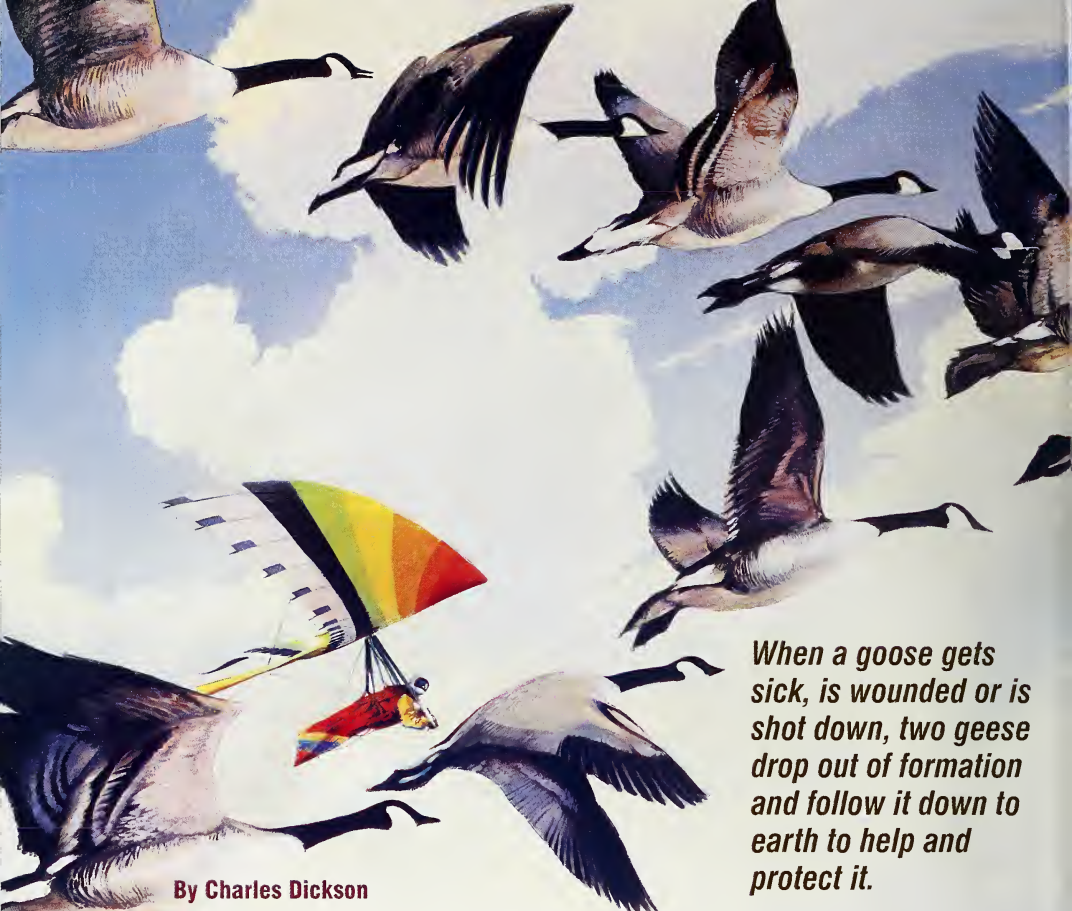
Phyllis Zauner, a California author who writes on lifestyle and career topics, is a frequent contributor to this magazine.

Article design: Kristen Shupe

treatments – a sort of insurance policy.

"It's an ordeal," Peggy says. "There's skin irritation, swelling, itching. You're tired. You may lose your hair, but it grows back and you can be beautiful again. It really disrupts your life. But you try to keep your spirits up. I didn't want to bring my family down. I didn't want to bring myself down. I wanted to survive as gracefully as I could, to be the best patient the doctor ever had. I wanted to win."

At the radiation center, she met other women facing radiation as well, and her buoyant spirits gave them the same upbeat outlook. "We



By Charles Dickson

OBSERVERS of the ways of nature have often reminded us of how much we can learn from the animal world. Such lessons range from the emotional to the technological. We are aware of the intense caring of the mother bird for her young, but did you also know that we developed the bathysphere, or diving bell, from watching the actions of the water spider?

Nature has provided a classroom throughout history from which humans can learn how to cope both with their physical world and with each other. Perhaps no more powerful analogy of the latter has been given to us than in the actions of geese, the web-footed frequent flyers

who migrate as far south as Mexico in the winter and as far north as the Arctic Circle in the summer. Geese display a God-given common sense approach to life which can well be emulated by humans. Here are some lessons in human relations we can learn from geese:

GEESE FACT NO. 1 As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an updraft for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds a greater flying range than if one bird flew alone. The Air Force learned from this and often employs it in military maneuvers.

HUMAN LESSON NO. 1 When people share a common direction and sense of community, they can get where they are going quicker

When a goose gets sick, is wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to earth to help and protect it.

and more easily. That's because they have learned to travel on the strength of each other. Successful organizations have learned that a spirit of teamwork, in which all workers pull in the same direction, makes it easier to achieve goals. This holds true not only for business corporations, but for families, for churches and for athletic teams.

GEESE FACT NO. 2 Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

HUMAN LESSON NO. 2 If we have as much sense as geese we will stay in formation and be willing to



Learning Human Relations From Geese

accept help when we need it as well as lend help to others when they need it. How often we witness prima donnas on teams or in organizations who decide they can more readily be noticed when they try to go it alone. While they may achieve a short-term goal, they have an adverse effect over the long haul which hinders the group from reaching goals. Learning to "fly in formation" with friends, family members and fellow employees helps everyone to achieve desired results.

GEESE FACT NO. 3 When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies in the point position.

HUMAN LESSON NO. 3 Geese instinctively share the task of leadership and do not resent the leader. How often have we seen groups fail due to jealousy among members? Too many chiefs and not enough workers is a sure formula for failure. How about a concept of shared leadership based on the belief that each person in the group has a valuable contribution to make toward meeting the goals of the organization? However, we will never know what that contribution is until we

afford that person an opportunity to display his or her wares.

GEESE FACT NO. 4 The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

HUMAN LESSON NO. 4 We need to learn the value of being part of a support system and to do whatever we can to encourage other members of the group. Our "honk" may consist of a word of encouragement, a pat on the back, a helpful suggestion or simply going the second mile to accomplish a task.

GEESE FACT NO. 5 When a goose gets sick, is wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of

formation and follow it down to earth to help and protect it. They stay with their disabled companion until it is able to fly again or dies. They then launch out on their own or catch up with the flock.

HUMAN LESSON NO. 5 We too need to learn to care for others. If a fellow employee or group member is going through some trying times or has simply been "shot down" by some bad event in life, that may be the time for us to concentrate on the needs of that person. When an organization begins to build a reputation for being a caring one, group loyalty increases immensely and success becomes more attainable.

And so, like many other processes of nature, the behavior of geese serves to provide us with valuable guidelines for dealing with other people.

Geese facts supply us with human lessons. □

**Humans mimic
geese in group
survival skills
and common
sense.**

Dr. Dickson is a clergyman, college chemistry instructor and freelance writer who lives in Hickory, N.C.

*Article design: Simon Smith
Illustration by John Maggard*



Drum and bugle corps marches, dances and wails to win coveted orange flag.

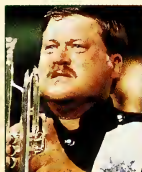
The Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps shows off the form which earned first place at The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps "Parade of Champions." The competition drew entries from Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey.

MUSIC FOR THE YEARS

Story And Photos By Mark Faram

JEFF GIBBONS loves to make music. The 40-year-old from Erie, Pa., has played professionally since 1982. The performances he treasures most, though, he does for free as a member of the Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps.

"To be in front of a crowd like this ... it's a gas," Gibbons said. He and his fellow Statesmen had just won The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps



Jeff Gibbons stands proud as an Empire Statesmen.

"Parade of Champions" for the third straight year at the Lackawanna County Stadium near Scranton, Pa., Aug. 14.

The Parade of Champions is an annual competition, sponsored by the Department of Pennsylvania's 11th District and is judged and sanctioned by the Drum Corps Associates (the national governing body). Each of the seven corps competing is sponsored by an American Legion Post.

Each corps plays a 10-12 minute program. Judges grade it in excellence, ensemble and general effect of the brass, percussion and visual details. Some judges view the show from the stadium's press box, and others move through the corps on the field, recording their remarks as they move through the marching corps.

To the novice, these competitions appear much like those of march-

Mark Faram is a Washington, D.C., photojournalist who specializes in military and related issues.

Article design: Mary Lawson

"The Legion has done wonders for the sport by bringing this back. It's a real showcase." Vince Bruni, Director of the Empire Statesmen



The Kingston Grenadiers' color guard holds flags high as it strides across the field at Lackawanna County Stadium.

ing bands, normally seen at the half-time of football games. Directed by a drum major, they march with precision as they play their music. But unlike traditional marching bands, a closer look at these units reveals the instruments are all brass and percussion.

In addition, each corps has a color guard, members who do not play music, but march and dance using flags and other props to create greater visual effects.

The American Legion has sponsored Drum and Bugle Corps competitions since 1927 and has held the Parade of Champions since 1963. The competition was traditionally held at The American Legion National Convention, but that practice stopped in 1980. For the next 16 years, no official competition was held.

In 1996, Dr. A.J. Sebastianelli, Past National Vice Commander,

of Jessup, Pa., thought it was time the Legion got involved again.

He brought back the competition, and with it the coveted orange flag that signifies of the winner of the "Parade of Champions."

"The flag was orange because it was first given to us by the city of Miami," Sebastianelli said, explaining why the Legion strays from the traditional blue and white flag. "After that it just kind of stuck."

Play it Again. Gibbons and his fellow Statesmen are passionate about competing – an advocacy which requires a heavy commitment of time and energy. The average player in the Statesmen attends practices Wednesday and Friday nights and then competes on weekends during the DCA competition season that starts in June and runs through Labor Day.

"Drum corps is like an addiction. You don't need it, but you gotta have it," Gibbons said. "This is a family," he said pointing to the rest of the Statesmen. "We're very close and that helps us on the field."

In the Senior Drum and Bugle Corps competitive arena, no team has won more competitions and championships in the past 10 years than the Statesmen, who are based in Rochester, N.Y., and sponsored by Post 98. "We've done well, but it's a real honor to win three Legion championships in a row," said David Bruni, the drum major for the Statesmen.

For Gibbons, winning the competition meant being able to play an encore set to the crowd. During the final song, he was up in the stands playing. "I love this, there's nothing like playing to a crowd and hearing them go nuts."

But these memories will have to sustain Gibbons, who

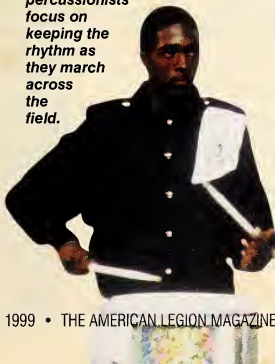


Dr. A. J. Sebastianelli, the man credited with resurrecting the competition, waves to the crowd as Past National Commander John "Jake" Comer (left) and then-National Vice Commander Fernando Goulart applaud.

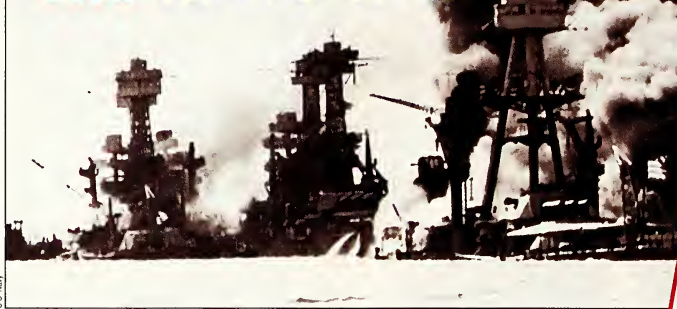
walked off the field in Scranton backward so he could see the stands and the crowd as they filed out. "I want to make sure I remember every minute of this," he said. "This is the last time I'm going to do this – I'm retiring."

Still, retirements can be short-lived. Gibbons hints at a comeback, saying his kids will soon be eligible to compete. "If that happens, it would be hard not to come back," he said. "This is the only sport I know of where someone can compete alongside their fathers and mothers and their kids. That would be too hard to pass up."

Empire Statesmen percussionists focus on keeping the rhythm as they march across the field.



LOOKING BACK THE HARD WAY



The USS West Virginia, USS Tennessee and USS Arizona burn after the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor.

For the Kronberger family, Christmas is a time to remember the day that still lives in infamy.

By Peter B. Rose
Assistant Editor

FOR ROBERT S. KRONBERGER, Christmas is a time for festivity, family and loved ones mixed into a cocktail of loneliness and despair that streak back to Dec. 7, 1941.

Like everyone else who survived Pearl Harbor, he hates to drink the cocktail.

But it is the condition for his being alive.

One hundred sixty of his USS West Virginia shipmates died in the Japanese bomber, fighter and submarine attack that demolished and battered 18 American warships and killed 2,113 sailors and Marines in the sunken hulls, oil-coated harbor, and on the piers and docks and hangars of the Hawaiian Navy base.

Kronberger's father, Sam, and brother Edward were on the same Pacific fleet ship docked in the calm and serene harbor. Sam was a chief petty officer and Edward a seaman assigned to the gunnery department. Robert served as first-class water-tender and petty officer-in-charge of the boiler room.

The sun rose over the Hawaiian Islands at 6:26 that Sunday morning, about the time Robert Kronberger returned on the milk boat from shore patrol to the USS West Virginia.

"It was a bright, clear and peaceful tropical morning," he recalls. "Under the light northeast trades, surrounded by green sugar cane fields and covered by cumulus clouds over the Koolaus, it seemed the least probable place on earth for a war to start."

Kronberger climbed onto his ship, weary from his long and arduous night of duty. Meanwhile, beneath the water surface, two-man Japanese sub-

marines launched from larger fleet subs converged on the harbor entrance.

"Once back aboard my floating home, I decided to forego breakfast for much-needed sleep," Kronberger recalls. "I made my way down four decks to the floorplates of the fire-room. I spread out a piece of canvas on the deck and laid down for a snooze."

Forty-five minutes later, loud speakers bellowing from the officer on deck awoke him.

"The ship started exploding, shaking and rocking," Kronberger recalls. "Our electric power and lighting went out. Six or seven torpedoes struck us broadside. The steel bulkhead gave way to sea water."

A projectile zeroed in. A hit would have wiped out Kronberger, his father and brother. It was a 16-inch armor-piercing explosive that struck the No. 3



Lt. Cmdr. Robert S. Kronberger, just before retiring in 1970.

This was just the beginning of 1,364 days of death, misery and broken hearts known as World War II.

turret, near where all three were located. It proved to be a dud.

In the dark, Kronberger and his crew made their way up 40 feet of ladders, through the air locks and the armored hatch as explosions continued to rock the ship.

Abandon Ship. On the weather deck, his first impulse was to find his father and brother. But he followed orders to abandon ship, leaping into flaming waters. A motor launch picked him up at Ford Island.

Not until 10:30 p.m., upon returning to the ship, did Kronberger with great relief discover that his father and brother were okay.

"Having been relieved of my frustrations, I was then obligated to assist my shipmates on fire-fighting, removing casualties and other tasks surrounding the holocaust," he recalls.

Two nights later, Kronberger and others were still fighting fires. Several aircraft appeared over the pier of the shipyard. They made a left turn, pass-

ing over sunken vessels and turning on their navigational lights.

"Immediately every usable gun in the harbor opened fire and destroyed the incoming aircraft," Kronberger recalls. "Soon we were deeply saddened to learn that the aircraft were American, flying in from the aircraft carrier *Enterprise*."

This was just the beginning of 1,364 days of death, misery and broken hearts known as World War II.

But in Kronberger's words, "The calculated treachery of the Japanese Empire did not pay off." It is something he cannot forget or forgive. And to those Americans who condemn the United States for the use of the atomic bomb, he says, "They need only to remember that if there had not been an unwarranted and unprovoked bombing of Pearl Harbor, there would not have been any bombs dropped in Hiroshima or Nagasaki."

Keep America Alert. Today, Kronberger and his son David, both retired

from the Navy, are members of The American Legion's Big Bear Post No. 584 in California. Kronberger's grandson Daniel just graduated from Recruit Training and will be the fourth-generation Kronberger in the Navy, adding to 208 years of family service.

Kronberger is a founder and president of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, which began with a remembrance party in 1954 and now has 9,109 members and chapters in every state. The group's slogan is "Keep America Alert!" The survivors have been involved in dozens of patriotic ventures.

For them, Christmas is a time to give thanks and celebrate with family and friends, but also the dark and poignant memory of a surprise attack that knocked the globe from its pedestal of innocence into the largest and most violent conflagration in the history of mankind.

Article design: Mary Lawson

FREE
LEATHERETTE
DISPLAY CASE

- **Brilliant Uncirculated Condition**
- **Largest Silver coin in U.S. History! 40.6mm in diameter of .999 Fine Silver**
- **Last Silver Dollar minted in this millennium**
- **Certificate of authenticity**
- **Only a very small percentage of the mintage colorized by The American Historic Society... a complete SELL-OUT is expected!**



On January 4, 1999, the U.S. Mint released the most anticipated coin in numismatic history.

Last Silver Dollar of the MILLENNIUM Genuine U.S. Mint Coin

Now enhanced in FULL COLOR
by The American Historic Society!

1999 AMERICAN EAGLE

To signify the importance of the event, the 1999 Silver Eagle is NOW presented in spectacular FULL COLOR. This coin, radiant in red, white and blue, is a result of a special colorization process from the American Historic Society. This advanced technology creates a coin of lasting beauty and intrinsic value.

These Brilliant Uncirculated Genuine American Eagle Silver Dollars have been acquired from the U.S. Mint and colorized by The American Historic Society, which is in no way associated with the U.S. Mint or any other U.S. Government agency.

For Faster Service 800-829-0006



30-DAY UNCONDITIONAL RETURN POLICY

 American Historic Society
PO Box 8048, Van Nuys CA 91409-8048

ITEM	QTY.	ITEM	PRICE EACH	S&H	SUBTOTAL
3505		1999 American Eagle	\$39.95	\$3.95	
3509		Buy Three-SAVE \$10	\$109.85	\$5.95	
3506		Buy Five-SAVE \$20	\$179.75	\$6.95	
CA residents add sales tax to your order TOTAL					

CA residents add sales tax to your order

Method of Payment

- ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Amex ☐ Visa
☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover **Exp. Date** /

[illegible]

Signature _____

Name _____
(please print)

Address _____

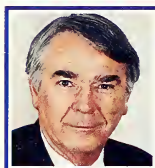
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone ()

E-Mail _____ 129250519A

SHOULD U.S. TROOPS BE UNDER U.N. COMMAND?

Rep. Terry Everett, R-Ala.



NO Since its beginning, the Clinton administration has shown little opposition to U.N. command of American troops. Many in Congress oppose subordination of our military to U.N. control as it conflicts with national interest.

In 1993, our soldiers in Somalia were killed and taken hostage while on a United Nations mission. Citizens who witnessed their sons dragged through the streets demanded an end to our presence in that nation. We should not forget that those soldiers called for help in time to be saved but it was refused.

Emboldened by its growing global operations, the United Nations proposed the creation of its "Rapid Reaction

Force," including U.S. troops to police its "peacekeeping" campaigns. The outcry from Congress and our people was so strong that the administration backed away from supporting the concept. Now it favors select control by the

"Our national interest – not the United Nations' – should be the important factor in any decision to send American troops on 'peacemaking' missions."

United Nations in Presidential Decision Directive 25. In 1994, Pentagon officials testified that the president would never relinquish control of U.S. forces, but on a case-by-case basis will allow them to be placed under the tactical command of U.N. operations. This is not good enough.

This administration came to D.C. bent on cutting defense while expanding overseas policing efforts. It has done so to the point of handicapping readiness and recklessly overextending our defense capability. Clinton risked our national security by deploying our troops into open-ended U.N. missions throughout the world. It should be pointed out that under the administration's misuse of American forces, we now have our military operating in more than 130 countries.

In 1996, the House further weighed in by passing the U.S. Armed Forces Protection Act prohibiting spending on operations under United Nations command unless the president certifies 15 days in advance that it is in U.S. national interest or if the action will be part of a NATO operation. Unfortunately, this did not pass the Senate.

Our national interest – not the United Nations' – should be the important factor in decisions to send our troops on "peacemaking" missions. While the issue of whether we have pressing national interest in the Balkans, Haiti or Africa and elsewhere is debatable, we must have a hard and fast policy that we never relinquish control of U.S. forces to a U.N. commander.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.



YES We are affected every day by world events. When we see pictures of people slaughtered by their own governments, we must respond. When a nation threatens nuclear or biological warfare we must be able to join with allies to end the threat. In many situations, it is impractical or tactically impossible for us to act without our U.N. allies or assume command of every action to end the threats. Our allies often make up the bulk of force and may require only a handful of our experts to participate. By precluding the military from falling under U.N. command we could not provide this service. How could we expect our allies to come to our aid if we were not willing to come to theirs?

As in Kosovo, it was a multinational force under U.N. command that stopped tyranny from moving beyond

its borders. The mission is mainly perceived as humanitarian for the Kosovars. If the United States had not participated and Milosevic had been allowed to exterminate thousands, would he have stopped there? Could we instead be facing a war spreading throughout Western Europe turning into the next "war to end all wars?" While unlikely, it is a question we do not have to answer because the United States joined in to stop a calculating man from killing thousands and forcing more from their homes.

Additionally, we must continue to be wary of nations that have nuclear capability. A strike against the United States can come from an ocean away with the push of a button. Our military must be ready to stand with our allies to turn back any threat that may harm the country.

Many proponents of keeping American troops from under U.N. control hold an unfounded belief that our troops will wage wars we do not support. This is not true. Our troops may not be put under U.N. control without our consent. At any time we may withdraw our troops should we believe they fall in harm's way or the purpose of the mission no longer falls within the goals of the United States.

Forces under U.N. command have helped millions

of families escape tyranny, brought enemies to the bargaining table and sought to bring an end to biological and nuclear weapons. These are reasons we should maintain the current relationship with the United Nations, not minimize it.

"When a nation threatens nuclear or biological warfare we must be able to join with allies to end the threat."

Your Opinions Count, Too.

Senators and representatives are interested in constituent viewpoints. You may express your views by writing The Honorable (name), U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510, or The Honorable (name), House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. You may call the Senate at (202) 224-3121; the House at (202) 225-3121.

REAL LEATHER!!!

REAL LEATHER!!!

REAL LEATHER!!!

SAVE \$

WHY PAY RETAIL?

SAVE \$

BUY "DIRECT" FROM AMERICA'S #1 WHOLESALER OF WWII BOMBER JACKETS

Genuine Imported Top Grain Smooth Leather!

Over 100,000 Sold Last Year! Join the Savings!

AIR FORCE A-2

NAVY G-1

Poly Cotton
Lining with Fill
**FREE
SHIPPING**

 Delivery 7-10 days
Big & Tall's Avail.
Pile Collar
& Lining
\$119

 Reg. Retail
\$279

SAVE \$50 MORE IF YOU BUY 2 (\$25 EA. JACKET)

\$139

 Reg. Retail
\$329

CALL 24 hrs. a day 1-800-247-9501

OR Fax to 201-372-2241 Risk Free 60 day Refund or Exchange

Both jackets have dual entry lower front pockets & knit cuffs and waist

CIRCLE NEEDS

CONNECT COLOR WITH SIZE IF ORDERING MORE THAN ONE

BOTH JACKETS COME IN ALL SIZES		SIZE	36-38	39-41	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	A-2	G-1	# Units	\$ Est	
Air Force A-2 JACKET	Brown or Black	Regular (Up to 6 Ft)	S	M	L	XL				\$119	\$139			
		Talls (Over 6 Ft)	—	MT	LT	XLT				\$129	\$149			
Navy G-1 JACKET	Brown Only	Big (Up to 6 Ft)					2XL	3XL	4XL	\$139	\$159			
		Big-Tall (Over 6 Ft)					2XLT	3XLT	4XLT	\$149	\$169			
												Subtotal		
												(+) \$25 ea if 2+		
												TOTAL		
NAME (Last, First)												Telephone (Include Area Code)		

NAME (Last, First)

Telephone (Include Area Code)

ADDRESS (No. and Street, Apt or Suite No.)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express Enter Card Number Below:

Source Code: 901

Card Number:

Expiration:

MasterCard

VISA

Discover

Mail or Fax and Make Check or Money Order Payable to:

 AIRBORNE
50 Broad St.
Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Crude TV on Fox

RUPERT MURDOCH'S conservative news division has been praised for its Chinagate coverage, including Bill O'Reilly's exclusive interview with Johnny Chung. But his entertainment division won the Silver Sewer award from former education secretary Bill Bennett and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

Murdoch, owner of Fox News and Fox Television, has been making news himself.

"He is now responsible for what is perhaps the worst — the most crude, cynical and insulting — material ever to be broadcast to the American public over network television airwaves," Bennett said about Murdoch. Lieberman said the new Fox show, "Action," features language and behavior "that the average person would be arrested for if spoken or acted out in the public square of most American communities."

In a related move Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., says he wants more programs like CBS's "Touched by an Angel." Brownback arranged a special Senate screening for the season premier, with the "angel" Monica in attendance, focusing on slavery in Sudan.

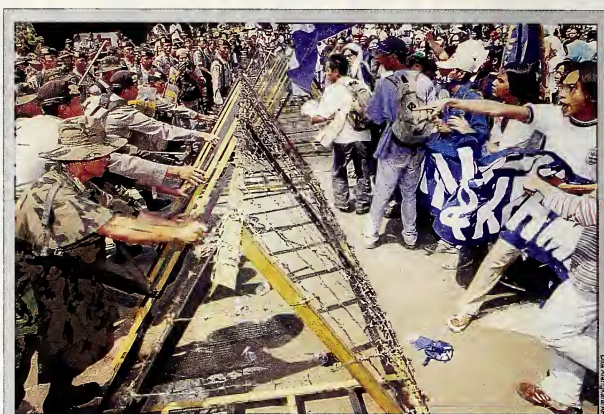
Brownback says that violence, profanity and sleaze have risen dramatically since the new television ratings system was put into place. The ratings had been sold by Hollywood as a way to clean up television.

Saddam Ignores Suffering

SOME INTERNATIONAL experts have cried crocodile tears for Iraqi children said to be suffering and dying because of U.N. sanctions. But a State Department report says Saddam Hussein is to blame. Iraq has sold more than \$14.9 billion in oil over the last two years and has more than enough money to take care of Iraqi children.

The problem, the report says, is that resources are being diverted to members of the government and top military and security officials who are provided with extra monthly food rations, Mercedes automobiles and monthly stipends exceeding thousands of dollars.

Since the war, the report says, Hussein has spent more than \$2 bil-



Students in Jakarta, Indonesia, protest the presence of U.N. personnel.

Congress Concerned Over East Timor Training

WILL THE MASSACRE of the Christians of East Timor finally break the United States' military ties to the Indonesian regime blamed for it? Don't count on it. Indonesia, the largest Muslim country on earth, has long been a close ally.

"We have been arming and training the Indonesian armed forces for literally 40 years," notes Dr. Caleb Rossiter, a former congressional staffer who runs a Project on Demilitarization and Democracy. He says the training has continued despite several efforts by Congress to restrict or ban it.

First, he says, Congress curtailed funds for military training for Indonesian troops in 1992, after another massacre in East Timor. But the assistance continued under the guise of Indonesia paying for it. After this was banned, the training continued under the pretext of both countries conducting military exercises. "Where there's a will, there's a waiver," Rossiter says of the loopholes.

Countering claims that the killings would have been worse without the training, Rossiter throws up a challenge: "I just don't know at what point the U.S. armed forces would send a message to the Indonesian people that

we don't support dictatorship." Rossiter urges adoption of the "Code of Conduct Arms Transfer Act," introduced by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., and Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga. It would end military assistance to all dictatorships, including friendly ones that can turn hostile.

No More East Timors? The United Nations was seemingly unprepared for the slaughter which followed the vote it organized for East Timor's independence from Indonesia. One whistleblower questioned why there was a delay in dispatching a peacekeeping force to the territory.

The standby U.N. Army headquarters "has been in place since before June of 1998," U.N. whistleblower Linda Shenwick says. "So it was there for East Timor. It would have made a difference."

Eighty-six countries, including the United States, supposedly agreed to participate in the standby plan, giving the world body 147,500 military personnel available for deployments. But when the need to activate the standby force arose, there was no force to be found.

— C. K.

lion on presidential palaces, some with gold-plated faucets and man-made lakes and waterfalls. Last April, Iraqi officials opened a vaca-

tion resort with stadiums, an amusement park, hospitals and homes for government officials.

— Cliff Kincaid

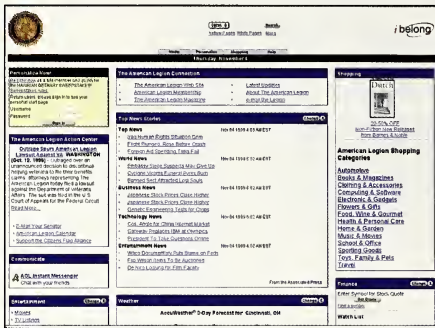
Internet program offers personal Legion connection

LEGION MEMBERS and their families can now have direct Internet access to the latest Legion news and activities, plus easy access to other items of personal interest - all from one World Wide Web location. The *iBelong* program is a quick and convenient tool for expanding the user's reach for information.

From *iBelong*'s start page or "portal," located at www.legion.ibelong.com, members can do anything from checking stock quotes and making travel arrangements, to sending messages to friends, other Legionnaires or even their legislators.

"The Legion's portal allows for instantaneous communication," said National Adjutant Robert Spanogle. "We're in the business of communicating with our members - and our members with us. Our portal provides us with the right next step to complement our Web site so that we stay informed and in touch with our membership. It allows us to enhance and expand our communication at all levels, especially the grassroots level."

The Legion portal is divided into different sections, or "bricks," of information, services and activities. Examples of the bricks and how



The *iBelong*/American Legion start page allows users easy access to Legion information and the Internet.

Legionnaires can benefit from the portal follow.

The Legion Connection allows members to instantly link to the Legion's Web site (www.legion.org), learn about membership or read *The American Legion Magazine*. It connects members to the most important and up-to-date information about the Legion.

Quick Information. The Legion Action Center, located on the left side of the portal, includes activities in which members can participate. They can:

- Read the latest featured cover story, which often discusses pending legislation or issues important to veterans.

- Send e-mail to their legislators. This feature makes it easy for members to find their legislators, type in their personal information and a message, and send it.

- View the calendar of Legion events, including the activities and efforts of Posts or Departments.

Merchants such as Value America, Barnes and Noble, Travelocity and the Sports Store offer convenience and special deals for Legionnaires who shop online through Legion Marketplace. Legion Emblem Sales merchandise will be available next year. When buying through *iBelong*, a percentage of the purchase will be donated to the Legion.

"Legionnaires benefit from our customized *iBelong* program because they can access the Internet in a trusted environment that provides useful and relevant content, information and services," said Spanogle. "In addition, they join an online community of people who share their interests."

— Laura Lee

Arkansas student nabs Rulon baseball award

JEREMY ROBERTS of Rison, Ark., is the George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year. Roberts will receive a \$3,000 Buick/American Legion Leadership Award scholarship due to demonstrated qualities of leadership, scholarship, character, citizenship and financial need.



Jeremy Roberts is the George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year.

In addition to the scholarship, Roberts will attend the induction ceremonies for the Baseball

Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 2000, and will receive a plaque prior to the annual Baseball Hall of Fame Game.

A freshman at Southern Arkansas University, Roberts has already received a \$2,500 Buick/American Legion Leadership Award scholarship as the Arkansas American Legion Baseball Player of the Year and as the Mid-South Regional Player of the Year.

Roberts, an engineering major, played baseball for Post 83 in Rison for three seasons. He also attended The American Legion Boys State and

served as President of the Woodlawn Student Council.

American Legion Baseball is now in its 74th year. More than 93,400 players on 5,200 teams participated in the program in 1999, during which The American Legion and Buick Motor Division of General Motors teamed up to provide \$66,000 for baseball scholarships.

Many of today's professional baseball players, including Greg Maddux, Jeff Bagwell, Tony Gwynn, Barry Bonds and Chipper Jones participated in American Legion Baseball.

— Ron Hyink



Here's How To Stand Out In The Crowd.

Carry The American Legion Visa® Card.

- ★ No Annual Fee
- ★ Low Introductory Rate (APR) on balance transfers and cash advance checks
- ★ Access to account information via telephone or secure on-line banking on the Internet
- ★ MBNA Fraud protection
- ★ World Class 24-Hour Customer Service
- ★ Support for Legion's efforts with every purchase

Call Toll-Free and Request Yours Today.

1-800-523-7666

Mention priority code VXTU



There are costs associated with the use of these credit cards. For more information about these costs, contact MBNA America Bank, N.A., the exclusive issuer and administrator of the Platinum Plus® credit card program, by calling 1-800-523-7666 or by writing to P.O. Box 15020, Wilmington, DE 19850. Visa is a federally registered service mark of Visa U.S.A. Inc. used pursuant to license. Platinum Plus is a service mark of MBNA America Bank, N.A. ©1999 MBNA America Bank, N.A.

Twelve students win Samsung Scholarship Awards

THE LIST OF WINNERS of the 1999 Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program includes a potential CEO, doctor, military scientist and possibly even a future president of the United States. That's what some of the 12 selected high school students aspire to become, and with the thousands of dollars from the international electronics company's scholarship program, their dreams are a little closer to becoming reality. Each of the 12 scholars will gain \$20,000 for undergraduate schooling.

The endowment is derived from interest and other income generated by a multi-million dollar donation from the Samsung Group and administered by The American Legion. It was established to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea in its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War. The size and number of scholarships annually awarded depends on the amount of income generated from the initial \$5 million contribution.

This year, scholarship applications were distributed to participants in American Legion Boys State and Auxiliary Girls State programs. Applicants were required to be direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans who served during one or more periods of war officially designated as eli-

gibility dates for membership in The American Legion.

Recipients must also attend an accredited U.S. college or university. Selection by the National Selection Committee was based, in part, on academic record, involvement in school and community activities and financial need. Additional points were awarded to those who are descendants of U.S. veterans of the Korean War.

The winners:

Justin J. Bauer of Altoona, Iowa, ranks first in his class of 307. His grandfather served in the Korean War.

Richelle L. Blanchard of Eagle Point, Ore., ranks first in her class of 247. Her grandfather served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Austin DeCock of Rochert, Minn., ranks first in his class of 50. His grandfather served in the Korean War.

Christen M. Gray of Marietta, Ga., ranks 14th in her class of 657. Her grandfather served in the Korean War.

Matthew B. Greenblatt of Kearney, Mo., ranks first in his class of 201. His grandfather served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Kevin G. Grove of Moccasin, Mont.,

ranks first in his class of 12. His grandfather served in the Korean War.

Theresa M. House of Collierville, Tenn., ranks second in her class of 438. Her great-grandfather, both grandfathers and father are veterans of wars ranging from WWI to Vietnam.

Jaylan S. Jones of Gilbert, Ariz., ranks sixth in his class of 752. His grandfather served in the Korean War.

Marianne Lodinell of Frankfort, Ky., ranks first in her class of 257. Her grandfather served in WWII.

Jennifer L. Morrison of West Liberty, Iowa, ranks first in her class of 82. Her grandfather served in the Korean War.

Kellie E. Moss of Lawton, Okla., ranks first in her class of 126. One of her grandfathers served during WWII and both grandfathers served in the Korean War. Her father served in the Vietnam War; the Lebanon, Grenada and Panama conflicts; and Desert Storm.

Crystal M. Niemeier of Benson, Minn., ranks fifth in her class of 120. Her grandfather served in the Korean War.

—Kathy Farris

Commemorative stamps honor U.S. war heroes

FOLLOWING MANY YEARS of efforts on the part of The American Legion, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a series of stamps next year commemorating the heroism and leadership of four distinguished soldiers.

The soldiers chosen by the USPS to be honored next spring are Audie Murphy, Omar Bradley, Alvin York and John Hines. A resolution approved in September at the National Convention in Anaheim, Calif., reaffirmed the Legion's decade-long drive to honor Murphy's accomplishments with a stamp.

"This announcement marks the end



of a long and laborious journey," said Steve Robertson, National Legislative Director for The American Legion.

"For the past 10 years ... every National Commander and our Internal Affairs division has had to maintain pressure on the stamp selection committee."

Murphy is one of the most decorated American servicemen of World War II and received the Medal of Honor. York, who almost single-handedly captured 132 German soldiers during one WWI battle, is also a Medal of Honor recipient.

Hines and Bradley, decorated commanders of WWI and WWII, both served as Army chief of staff.

—Kevin J. Dwyer

Macular Degeneration

The VideoEye® power magnification system combines simplicity and versatility to help people with low vision continue reading and doing everyday tasks.

A self-focusing viewing head on a precision arm moves over anything you want to see. Crisp images are displayed in full color on a high-resolution monitor magnified up to 25 times larger.



Reading



Writing checks



Self care



Prescription bottles

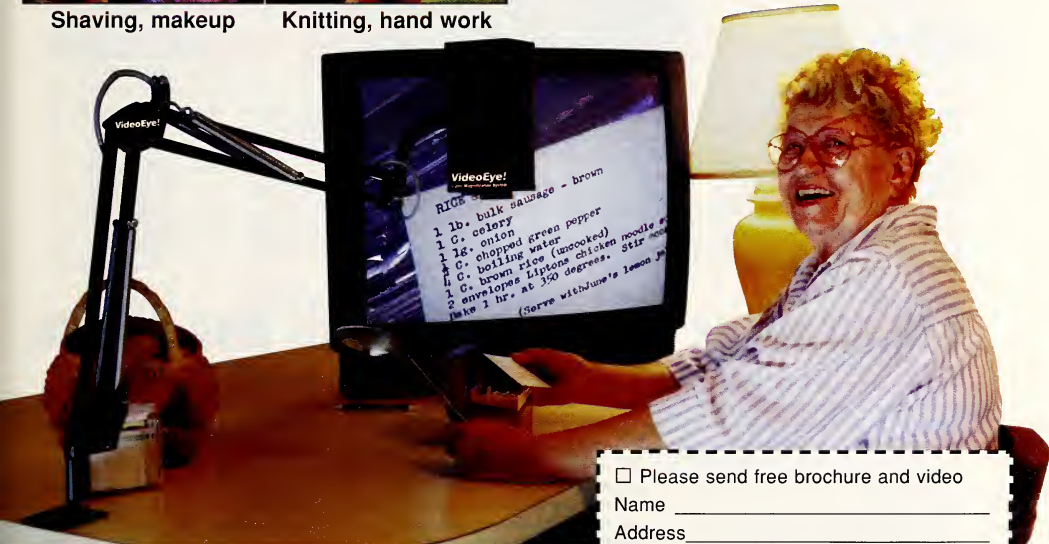


Shaving, makeup



Knitting, hand work

**Try it at home
for 30 days!**



30 day money-back guarantee

For information or to order call

1-800-416-0758

www.videoeyecorp.com

☐ Please send free brochure and video

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone ()

VideoEye Corporation, Dept. TL
10211 West Emerald • Boise, ID 83704

ph (208) 323-9577 fax (208) 377-1528

© VideoEye is a registered trademark of VideoEye Corporation
Patents pending

San Diego Padres' Tony Gwynn honored by Legion

SINCE 1958 The American Legion has honored a former American Legion Baseball player who exemplifies the principles and goals of service to the community, state and nation with the Graduate of the Year award.

This year's recipient was San Diego Padres rightfielder Tony Gwynn. Butch Miller, National Commander at the time, presented the award to Gwynn at QUALCOMM Stadium in San Diego.

Gwynn, who played American Legion Baseball from 1975 to 1977 for Peterson Post 27 in Long Beach, Calif., was originally drafted in 1981 by the then-San Diego Clippers of the NBA on the same day the Padres drafted him.

The eight-time batting champion, who has played for the Padres since 1982, has collected more than 3,000 hits, 4,000 total bases and 500 doubles, and leads the club as all-time leader in batting average (.339), stolen bases (311) and RBIs (1,042) among others.

His dedication to his community mirrors his dedication to the sport of baseball. Gwynn and his wife, Alicia, established the Tony and Alicia



Then-National Commander Butch Miller presents Tony Gwynn, right, with the Graduate of the Year Award.

Gwynn Foundation to help fund many organizations supporting children in need such as Casa de Amparo, Neighborhood House, YMCA and the Police Athletic

League. He remains actively involved in the Padres Scholars program, which annually awards college scholarships to 25 middle school students contingent upon their graduation from high school in good standing.

In 1995 he won the Branch Rickey Award for outstanding service by a major league player. In both 1997 and 1998 he was the club's winner of Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year award. He also spends a portion of the off-season instructing youngsters who travel from around the country to participate in the San Diego School of Baseball, of which he is part owner.

The American Legion has sponsored the amateur youth baseball program for more than 70 years. The program has been so successful that 75 percent of all college players and 65 percent of all major league players have played American Legion Baseball.

Previous winners include Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Brooks Robinson, Johnny Bench, Carlton Fisk, Dave Winfield, George Brett, Ryne Sandberg and Don Mattingly.

—Kristen Shupe

Legion urges treatment for Gulf War illness

WEIGHING THE UNKNOWN risks against the unproven advantages, the nation's largest veterans' organization urged the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Pentagon to ensure sick Gulf War veterans receive medical treatment and to accelerate scientific studies into the effectiveness and safety of pyridostigmine bromide. The drug was given to thousands of U.S. military personnel in the Persian Gulf as a defense against nerve-agent attacks.

"The American Legion opposes DoD's use of PB," said Gulf War

Marine Corps veteran Matt Puglisi, head of Persian Gulf issues for the 2.8-million member American Legion. "The Pentagon must defer any further use of PB until questions about its safety are answered. Meanwhile, VA medical centers must remain open to all sick Gulf War veterans immediately while scientists determine how much damage, if any, has been caused to our troops."

The American Legion's announcement follows the release of a Pentagon-funded literature study by the Rand Corp. The Rand study suggests

PB could be a factor in illnesses of mysterious origin affecting tens of thousands of Gulf War veterans. Symptoms suffered by sick Gulf War veterans include fatigue, nausea, chronic pain, skin rashes and digestive difficulties.

Since the first reports of sick Gulf War veterans surfaced, The American Legion has worked with Congress, the VA and the administration on the development of medical treatment and public policy initiatives to assist ill Gulf War veterans and their families.

—Steve Thomas

VETS® is a private veterans program that provides The American Legion with information about reunions, helps veterans locate old buddies and offers other special benefits and services to veterans and their families.

REUNION INFORMATION

This month we have listed many groups that are planning reunions. Information is provided free to Legion members and other veterans who write VETS and enclose the 5-digit VETS number of each reunion. VETS maintains reunion and contact information for more than 12,000 outfits. Reunion information is also available at no charge on the Internet at www.vets.org. Many libraries and schools will provide Internet access free for veterans with no Internet access or computer skills. We regret that due to call volume we cannot accept phone requests for reunion information. See "How to Use VETS Services" below.

OUTFIT ENROLLMENT IS FREE

Coordinators may list reunion information with VETS at no charge. Information may be submitted electronically via the VETS website or on official forms by writing VETS®. Individuals planning new reunions or offering themselves as points of contact for possible new reunions may also register at no charge.

THE NATIONAL VETS® ARCHIVES

The National VETS Archives is a free historical registry for veterans who want to be listed on the VETS roster for each outfit in which they served. Registration is free but to ensure accuracy, must be on official archive forms. Registration may be done electronically at the VETS Internet home page. VETS uses the archives to develop historical rosters and reunion contact information. Deceased veterans may be enrolled posthumously by a family member.

FINDERS/SEEKERS®

Each year for nearly a decade, VETS has helped thousands of veterans get in

touch with their outfits and buddies. Ann Landers and Dear Abby have shared our success with millions of their readers and now due to technology and demand, Finders/Seekers has moved to the Internet. A searchable list of our active files is available on the VETS home page. We encourage all veterans to check this registry to see if someone is trying to find them. Individuals who order Finders/Seekers will have their requests listed and also receive our free tips on how to locate missing veterans. Cost is a non-refundable \$15. Please do not send cash. We accept checks, money orders and MasterCard, Visa and Discover cards.

VETS® BENEFITS

Veterans who enroll in the National VETS Archives are eligible for a variety of products and services offered by VETS. Veterans who qualify automatically receive notices about their outfit reunions, free or discounted Finders/Seekers services and other VETS consumer benefits. In most cases, VETS benefits can be extended to other family members and the survivors of deceased veterans. Details are available on the VETS website or by writing VETS.

HOW TO USE VETS® SERVICES

To promote better accuracy and faster response, and except for reunion information requests, official VETS forms should be used to submit information or request other services. Forms are available free on the VETS website at www.vets.org or they may be obtained by writing VETS at P.O. Box 901, Columbia, MO 65205-0901 and enclosing a self-addressed, stamped #10 (long) reply envelope. VETS normally responds to all written requests the next business day. To keep costs low and still handle thousands of requests each week, VETS does not accept phone calls for reunion information. In an emergency, messages about other services may be left on the VETS voice mail system 24 hours a day at (573) 474-4444. You can also reach VETS via e-mail at admin@vets.org.

VETS® and FINDERS/SEEKERS® are registered trademarks of Vets Data Corporation.

ARMY AIR FORCE

2nd Aircraft Repair Unit (F) #19214; 60th Troop Carrier Grp. #16760; 1126th/1399th M.P. Co. Avn. (WW-II) #16937; Pecos AAF, TX #14281

AIR FORCE

2nd Bomb Wing, 49th Bomb Sq. (SAC 1947-61) #14010; 6th Ferry Comm #21085; 18th Flt Bomb Wing Assn #16843; 22nd Rescue Boat Sq. #22463; 40th Flt. Sq. 35th Flt. Grp. (WW-II, Korea & Japan) #19567; 91st SRW (incl 91st BG (WW-II), Recon Grp/Wing) #20423

ARMY

1st Cav, 7th Cav Rgt, 5th Bn #18761; 1st Ord. Med. Maint. Co. #12361; 3rd Ord. Co. (MM) #15235; 20th Trans. Co. (ADS) #19170; 34th Gen. Hospital (Organs Fr 53-67) #13996; 43rd Inf. Div. 169th Inf Rgt. Co. G #14095; 48th Gen Hospital #15454; 65th Inf. Div. #12207; 74th Artillery Assn. (All Units) #16715; 76th Engr. Const. Bn. #23016; 134th Inf., 35th Div. #15531; 174th Military Police Bn. #19172

226th Searchlight Bn., Btry A #20196; 310th Med. Bn. 85th Div., Co. B (WW-II) #21660; 482nd AAA AW Bn(SF) Assn #10670; 488th AAA Bn. #11146; 602nd Tank Destroyer Bn. #13723; 787th MP Bn. Assn (WWII) #15618; 787th Tank Bn., Co. B (WW-II) #22457; 862nd Engr. Avn. Bn. (WW-II) #19406; 874th/875th Airborne Engrs. #21117; 999th AFA Bn. #16409; 1257th Engr Bn. #15981; 1395th Engr Const Bn #16516; OH-58A N.E.T.T. #14528

MARINES

1st Mar Div, 7th Rgt, 3rd Bn, 1 Co #17179

NAVY

85th NCB #10665; 87th NCB #10196;

ACORN 34 #17957; ACORN 52 #11488; Beach Battalions/Attack Boats LCPV-LCM #23346; LST-709 J. P. Martin Chap. #10526; Nat'l CPO Assn #14476; USS Allen M Sumner DD-692 #17980; USS Barney DD-149 (1919-45) #11026; USS Conway DD-507 #10887; USS Conyngham DD-37/DDG-17 #18563; USS Drew APA-162 #18574; USS Fabius ARV(A)-5/USS Avenarius ARV(E)-3 #15416

USS Fredrick Funston APA-89 #10339; USS Gen M C Meigs AP-116 #20797; USS Guadalupe AO-32 #17729; USS Jupiter AK-43/AV-58 #14938; USS Kenmore DD-162/AK-221 #13160; USS King DD-242 #24222; USS Lawrence DD-250 #11828; USS Lindsey DM-32 #10722; USS LST-586 #13837; USS LST-656 #21989; USS Mulphien AKA-61 #28285; USS New Orleans CA-32 #18405; USS Perry DD-844 #24251; USS Polaris AF-11 #11564; USS Porter DD-36/DD-80 #18165

USS Pritchett DD-561 #17324; USS Pursuit AM-108/AGS-17 #11021; USS Pyro AE-1/AE-24 #18389; USS Quick DD-40/DDMS-32 #14564; USS Raleigh CL-7 #17744; USS Shannon DM-25 #18397; USS Sterlet SS-392 #18331; USS Tanner AGS-15/USS Pamina AKA-34 #14427; USS Thomas E. Fraser DM-24 #13284; USS Trinity AO-13 #18304; USS Woodford AKA-86 (WW-II) #17694; VPB-18 #17874

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Deane S. Abel (1999) 15 Parkersburg, W.Va. Florence C. Adams, Mabel L. Anderson, Justine Ashby, Vernon R. Barnes, Dr. Eugene W. Beatty, Dr. Robert M. Biddle, Richard C. Black, Audie E. Branstetter, Hugh Bruestle, J.L. Chaney, Anthony D. Christopher, Francis E. Clark, Genevieve B. Clark, J. Ray Conley, Paul K. Cooper, E.S. Craig Jr., Edwin L.D. Dils, Henry H. Dils Jr., Samuel S. Dils, Carl E. Dollman, E. Carrell Douglass, Harold L. Elliott, John H.

Frankhauser, Murlo D. Fansler, William P. Forbes, Howard W. Giesler, Warren C. Gibson, William J. Hackett, Harold W. Haight, Clarence A. Headley, Franklin D. Heck, Sherman G. Hill, Charles M. Hutzler, Gordon W. Jernison, Karl F. Kafer, Clyde E. Kelly, Donald N. Kesterson, William H. Kysor, Herman M. Lewis, Junior R. Lynch, Foster M. Lytle, Thomas P. Malloy, William J. Matthews Jr., William E. McGivern, Jack L. Miller, Alvie W. Mills, Paul R. Moore, George D. Porter, William B. Richardson, Dr. Robert C. Robinson, Charles A. Rush, Eugene B. Smith, William K. Steinbeck, Frank Stoops, Albert N. Swartz Jr., John D. Webb, Freda M. Wharton, Gilmer S. Wharton, Dr. Frank R. Young, Willard D. Wharton, Carroll W. Wilson, Orvil G. Wilson, Donza T. Wilson, William T. Grafe (1999) 21 Santa Rosa, Calif. Linus Adams (1999) 28 Millsboro, Del. Donald J. Addor, John Anderson, Kenite O. Bender, George K. Berckman, Kenneth G. Black James Bohan, Paul L. Boyd, John E. Burke, Warren R. Campbell, Carl E. Cholewa, William B. Coppel, Charles N. Dennis Jr., Michael P. Guntlick, William E. Habbert, Leonard E. Hamilton Jr., Richard J. Hamilton, Russell P. Howe Jr., Bernard Jakobowski, George A. Jones, Stanley Kaminski, Grover Kesser Jr., William R. Law, Robert W. Lawson Sr., Walter J. Lightner, Ernest R. McVey, Thomas Nacey, Orville W. Nicker, Edward J. Pavina, Kathryn A. Quackenbush, Robert S. Sewell, Jacob C. Smith, Lewis V. Starnes, Lawrence J. Stengel, Charles L. Szymanski, Richard J. Vincent, Warren W. Wolfe, Casimir R. Staszak, Robert W. McAdams (1999) 19 Nashville Highway, Tenn. Hal Morgan, Charles D. Skillington, Joe T. White-side, Stanley Smith (1999) 658 Fairhaven, N.Y. Wesley Waldron (1998), Paul L. Warner (1998), James D. O'Connor (1998), Helen Grover (2000) 82 Londenderry, Vt. Arthur Baum (1987) 366 Flint, Mich. James Grover (1987), Nelson Savoix (1979), Pierce J. McCarthy Sr. (2000) 81 Melbourne, Fla. Harold Krambeck (1999) 184 Hudson, N.Y.

Historic Limited Sale...

AMERICA'S FIRST FULL COLOR 1999 U.S. SILVER EAGLE



Shown larger than actual size
of 40.6mm in diameter.

The Washington Mint Announces the Limited sale of the most important coin of 1999... Limited Advance price Only \$39.95

RARE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE THE FIRST FULL COLOR U.S. SILVER DOLLAR

You can now own the coin that marks the most important milestone in Numismatic History – the Full Color 1999 American Silver Eagle. Never before has a 1999 Pure Silver Dollar been available in full, vibrant, glowing color! The Full Color 1999 Silver Eagle uses new 21st century technology to produce the most beautiful American Coin in history – in a Strict Limited Edition!

THE AMERICAN SILVER EAGLE – THE FIRST COIN IN HISTORY MINTED FROM PURE .999 SILVER

The magnificent Silver Eagle is the first coin ever struck by the Federal Government from .999 PURE SILVER! This is the PUREST SILVER IN THE WORLD. So pure – it is the same silver used by NASA for critical electrical components aboard the space shuttle. Silver of this flawless quality has never been used for any American coin before!!

A BREATHTAKING DESIGN COMES TO LIFE IN AMERICA'S FIRST FULL COLOR LIMITED EDITION SILVER DOLLAR

The breathtaking design chosen for the Full Color Silver Eagle is the same famed Walking Liberty design used on America's Half Dollars between 1916–1947!! The classic walking Liberty Half Dollars are some of the most sought after coins by collectors today – largely due to their magnificent depiction of Miss Liberty... the same Miss Liberty that now, for the FIRST TIME this year, walks in FULL COLOR on the Limited Edition 1999 Color Silver Eagle.

UNPRECEDENTED SPECIFICATIONS – FREE AUTHENTIC COIN DISPLAY STAND

The specifications for this spectacular coin are unprecedented.

- **Limited Edition** – 50,000 Color Coins Worldwide.
- **Historic First Silver Dollar** – The First Full Color 1999 Silver Eagle Ever! Never Before Available!
- **Pure .999 Silver** – One Full Ounce of Gleaming .999 Pure Silver in the Magnificent Silver Eagle.

- **Largest American Coin Ever** – Measuring a Massive 40.6mm in Diameter! Unmatched by any Other American Coin!
- **Brilliant Uncirculated Condition** – Never Struck for Circulation!
- **Certificate of Authenticity** – Hand Numbered.
- **FREE Authentic Coin Display Stand.**

QUANTITY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Beginning today, telephone orders will be accepted on a strict first-come, first-served basis according to the time and date of the order.

Customers are urged to secure their coins immediately by calling the toll-free number below. Earliest orders will receive the lowest registration numbers... DO NOT DELAY! You can order:

ONE Full Color Silver Eagle for just \$39.95 (Item #1516350)

THREE Full Color Silver Eagles for just \$113.85 – Save 5%

FIVE Full Color Silver Eagles for just \$185.75 – Save 7%

TEN Full Color Silver Eagles for just \$359.50 – Save 10%

Shipping, handling, and insurance is limited to \$5.50 per order, regardless of quantity ordered.

**CALL NOW TOLL FREE
1-800-926-MINT
Ext. 50266** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

A major credit card is necessary to secure your reservation. The Washington Mint fully guarantees satisfaction with a money-back policy for a full 60 days. Check orders can be mailed to The Washington Mint, Order Processing Center, Offer Code 50266, 13605 First Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55441. Please be sure to include your \$5.50 per order for shipping and handling charge in your check total.

The Washington Mint, LLC®

Since 1981, The Washington Mint has procured rare coins, secured bullion and struck medallions for the American numismatic public as an independent private mint, not affiliated with the United States Government. This independence provides the cornerstone for our commitment to excellence in both product and service, and most importantly, it guarantees to our customers essential rights and complete satisfaction.

Visit our web site at www.washingtonmint.com

IN SEARCH OF

Anyone who served with the 2nd TC Traffic Control Bn. in 1946 in Leghorn, Italy, contact Robert L. Wright P.O. Box 333 Palisade, NE 68040.

Anyone who served or has family members who served at Fort Pepperell in St. John's, Newfoundland between 1941 and 1961 contact E. Scammell 12 Kent Place St. St. John's Newfoundland, Canada A1B 1V5.

Aircrew, Flight Engineers, Loadmasters, Boomers and Maintainers: the Air Mobility Command Office of History would like to contact USAF veterans who flew or supported airlift, aerial refueling or aeromedical evacuation aircraft during the Korean War.

They would especially like to hear from those who participated in the missions FOX PETER I and FOX PETER II. Contact Tom Cossaboom, the command historian at HQ AMC/HQ, 503 Ward Drive Ste. 119, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5335.

Anyone who served with the Army Missile Maintenance Detachment at Ft. Knox, Ky., from Jan. 1968 to Aug. 1973, contact SFC Ret. Jack Murray 2363 County Rd. 97 Ft. Payne, AL 35868, Ph: 256-845-0013, or email .

TAPS

George F. Getz Jr., Ohio Dept. Dept. Cmdr. of France 1968-1969.

Rev. Paul J. Schwaab, Nebraska Dept. Dept. Chaplain 1965-1966, Dept. Rel. Emph. Chmn. 1965-1966, Natl. Am. Cncl. Vice Chmn. 1966, 1972-1976, Natl. Chap. 1971-1972, Natl. P.R. Cm. Consultant 1976-1978. John C. Bailey Jr. Louisiana Dept. Natl. Dist. Guests Cmte. Memb. 1952-1953, Natl. Child Welfare Cm. Adv. Bd. Memb. 1953-1955, Natl. Inter-Amer. Cmte. Memb. 1956-1957, Natl. Counter-Subv. Act. Cmte. Memb. 1961-1963, Dept. Vice Cmdr. 1963-1964, Dept. Cmdr. 1964-1965, Natl. Foreign Rel. Council Vice Chmn. 1965-1966, Natl. Sec. Council Vice Chmn. 1966-1967, Alt. Natl. Exec. Cmte. Memb. 1967-1969, Natl. Law and Order Cmte. Memb. 1967-1975, Natl. Legis.



KOREAN WAR VETS AND FAMILIES: We want to hear from you!

The September 2000 issue of *The American Legion Magazine* will tell the story of Korean War veterans. If you know someone who has a poignant or unusual story to tell about an event in the war that started nearly 50 years ago, please send us the name, address, phone number and a brief description of the event. We will do the rest and possibly contact the individual for an interview. Or, if you prefer, send us a firsthand account of a Korean War experience.

Whether it's about an event from the war zone

or on the homefront, whether it's told from the perspective of a cook, pilot, infantryman or desk clerk, we want to hear it! Please keep the letters to 300 words or less and, if possible, send a photograph relating to the story. Please send the material by February 1 to:

**Korean War Experience
The American Legion Magazine
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206**

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP,
MANAGEMENT
AND CIRCULATION**
(Required by 39 U.S.C. 3685)

1. Title of Publication: THE AMERICAN LEGION
MAGAZINE

2. Publication Number 0886-1234

3. Date of filing: October 1, 1999.

4. Frequency of issue: Monthly.

5. No. of issues published annually: 12.

6. Annual subscription price: \$3.00.

7. Complete mailing address of known office of publication: 5561 W. 74th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268-4184 (Marion County).

8. Complete mailing address of headquarters of general business offices of the publisher: 700 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

9. Names and addresses of publisher, editor and managing editor:

Publisher: Dick McNally, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Editor: John B. Raughter, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Managing Editor: None.

10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by three names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)

The American Legion Headquarters, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

11. Known bondholders, mortgages, and other security holders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities: None.

12. Tax Status: For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates. The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for Federal income tax purposes have not changed during preceding 12 months.

13. Publication Title: The American Legion

14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below: September 1999

15. Extent and nature of circulation:

Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	Actual Number of Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Total No. of Copies Printed	2,697,059 2,696,044
b. Paid and/or Requested Circulation	
1. Paid/Requested Outside-County Subscriptions Stated on Form 3541	2,680,989 2,679,980
2. Paid In-County Subscriptions	0 0
3. Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Non-USPS Paid Distribution	5,334 5,219
4. Other Classes Mailed Through the USPS	0 0
c. Total Paid and/or Requested Circulation (Sum of 15b (1),(2), (3), and (4))	2,686,323 2,685,199
d. Free distribution by mail	
1. Outside-County as Stated on Form 3541	3,608 3,592
2. In-County as Stated on Form 3541	0 0
3. Other Classes Mailed Through the USPS	0 0
e. Free distribution outside the mail	3,000 3,000
f. Total Free distribution (Sum of 15d and 15e)	6,608 6,592
g. Total distribution (Sum of 15c and 15f)	2,692,931 2,691,791
h. Copies not distributed	4,828 4,253
i. Total (Sum of 15g and h.)	2,697,059 2,696,044
j. Percent Paid and/or Requested Circulation	99.75 99.76

17. I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete.

(Signed) Dick McNally, Publisher



Council Vice Chmn. 1975-1978, Natl. Memb. And Post Act. Memb. 1971-1975, 1978-1981, Dept. Acting Adj. 1975-1976, Dept. Fin. Ofc. 1975-1979, Dept. Adj. 1976-1978.

David L. Brigham, Maryland Dept. Dept. Vice Cmdr. 1954-1955, Dept. Cmdr. 1955-1956, Natl. Am. Com. Liaison Cmte. Memb. 1956-1962, Natl. Exec. Cmte. Memb. 1956-1964, Dept. Leg. Chmn. 1956-1958, 1961-1962, 1963-1964, Natl. Inter-Am. Cmte. Memb. 1958-1960, Natl. Cntr. Sub. Act. Cmte. Memb. 1961-1962, Natl. Child

Wel. Com. Liaison Cmte. Memb. 1962-1964, Natl. Am. Council Vice Chmn. 1965-1968, Dept. P.R. Chmn. 1967-1968, Natl. Am. Council Memb. 1968-1969, Natl. Leg. Council Memb. 1985-1986.

Howard L. Evans, Virginia Dept. Natl. M&PA Activity Comm. Memb. 1957-1958, Dept. Vice Comm. 1959-1960, Dept. Athletic Chmn. 1961-1968, Dept. Baseball Chmn. 1961-1966, 1968-1986, 1987-1992, Natl. Pilgrimage Comm. Memb. 1963-1966, Dept. Comm. 1966-1987, Natl. Employment Comm. Memb. 1986-1989.



Don't Let Your Savings Go **AWOL.**

MBNA® GoldPortfolio® Deposit Accounts

Invest in American Legion-sponsored deposit accounts to fortify your investment portfolio. As a member of the American Legion or the Legion Auxiliary, you can take advantage of MBNA's high-yielding fixed-rate CD or liquid savings

money market account—with rates that have consistently ranked among the best nationwide. And both give you the security of FDIC insurance up to \$100,000 per depositor. Call today to speak with an Investor Services representative.

Call 1-800-900-6653, ext. 6324

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern time).



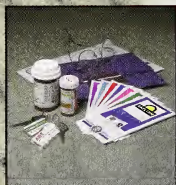
MBNA,® and MBNA America are federally registered service marks of MBNA America Bank, N.A.
©1999 MBNA America Bank, N.A. Member FDIC



Benefits You Can Count On



*The
American
Legion*



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION
VISIT OUR WEB
SITE AT:**
www.legion.org

Membership Benefits,
PO Box 1055,
Indianapolis, IN
46206
or e-mail us at:
mbrben@legion.org

Moving Services

North American
Van Lines
1-800-524-5533
ID# Membership Card

American Red Ball
World-Wide Movers
1-800-877-7332
ID# Membership Card

Atlas Van Lines
1-800-847-6683
ID# Membership Card

Travel Services

Days Inn
1-800-268-2195

Howard Johnson
1-800-769-0939

Ramada Inn
1-800-462-8035

Travelodge
1-800-545-5545

(Always use ID# 00020204)

Choice Hotels
International
1-800-4-CHOICE
ID# Membership Card

Avis
1-800-331-1212
ID# G343600

National Car Rental
1-800-CAR-RENT
ID# 5176669

Financial Services

MBNA America
Bank, N.A.
(Ask about other
services available)
1-800-847-7378
ID# J8P2

The American
Legion Annuity
1-888-353-4466
ID# Membership Card

American Legion Services

Customer Service
1-800-433-3318
cs@legion.org

Emblem Sales
1-888-453-4466
emblem@legion.org

Americanism/
Children & Youth
1-317-630-1203
acy@legion.org

Legislative
1-202-861-2740
leg@legion.org

National
Emergency Fund
1-800-433-3318
ia@legion.org

Veterans Affairs
1-202-861-2758
var@legion.org

55 Alive
Driver Education
Course
1-888-227-7669

Health Services

Discount
Prescription Program
RxAmerica
1-800-905-9818
ID# Membership Card

Eye Care Plan
of America
1-800-221-3272
ID# Membership Card

Insurance Services

Union Fidelity
1-800-523-5758
ID# Membership Card

Hartford Life
Insurance Company
1-800-542-5547
ID# Membership Card

TriCare Supplement
1-800-542-5547

Internet/Computer Services

Internet/Homepage
Provider
iBelong
www.legion.org

Computer Provider
Gateway
1-888-882-1289

Employment Services

Hire Quality
1-800-414-4733
www.hire-quality.com



VIAGRA ALTERNATIVE

IMPOTENCE SOLUTION AND PREVENTION WITH COMPLETE VACUUM THERAPY SYSTEM

- Our system comes with four rings, our competitors comes with none!
- No prescription required
- Shipped in a plain package to your door
- Medicare patients may qualify for a device with no cost to them

IMPO TEC
6757 ARLAPHO
STE 711, BOX 333
DALLAS, TX 75248

NOW ONLY **\$79.95**
\$54.00
\$45.00
\$36.00
\$27.00
\$18.00
\$9.00

THOUSANDS
SOLD AT
\$400

TOLL FREE 888-231-2486

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____
CHECK/VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER _____ EXP. DATE _____
SIGNATURE _____

Your Military Awards!

3000 Official • Medals
• Patches • Insignia
• Badges • Ship Photo
Your Display Case
Mounted & Engraved
• Flag Cases

Call Now 1-800-486-1651
For FREE 32 Page Color Catalog

Medals of America
1929AD Fairview Rd. • Fountain Inn, SC 29644
Visit us on the Web @ www.usmedals.com

BUY FACTORY DIRECT!

Super Heavy Steel Buildings

UP TO 40-50% OFF

Ideal for shop, boat & vehicle storage

20 x 30	30 x 44	47 x 100
25 x 32	40 x 60	50 x 120

Inventories varies
Factory Direct • Toll Free
800/715-6482

MOVING?



northAmerican Offers
Moving Discount
SAVE 40%
On Your Next
Interstate Move!

North American Van Lines offers American Legion members a 40% discount on interstate moves. Let North American, the world's largest professional mover, transport your household goods with moving services to meet every need and budget. In addition to saving 40%, you will receive up to \$50,000 coverage on your household goods at no charge.

For more information or a free estimate, call Andy Mento at Quality Movers/North American Van Lines.
1-800-524-5533

CLASSIFIED

SEND ADVERTISING COPY AND REMITTANCE TO:

Joan Rizzo
Classified Advertising
The American Legion Magazine
c/o Fox Associates, Inc.
347 5th Ave., Suite 1110
New York, NY 10016
(212) 725-2106
FAX (212) 778-1928

APPEARANCE

NEW CAMOUFLAGE CHEM suits charcoal lined \$39 - military mickey mouse boots \$75 - (800) 818-4737.

SUSPENDER WEARERS! Frustrated with clips that constantly slip off your pants? Our suspenders feature patented "no-slip clip." Brochure/order, (800) 700-4515.

CASINO SUPPLIES/PLAYING CARDS

CATALOG, (800) 233-0828.

COATS OF ARMS

500,000 NAMES, 32 COUNTRIES. FREE CATALOG. The Ship's Chandler, Dept. L, Wilmington, VT 05363. (303) 575-9469. www.coatsofarms.com.

FINANCIAL

FREE DEBT RELIEF! Not a loan. Not bankruptcy. Lower payments/interest instantly! Private. Call Amerix, (800) 570-3021, (ext. 4129).

GIFTS

HILARIOUS Y2K CALENDARS. Keepsakes. By Television! Phil Bruns, Autographed. Special Members Cost \$5 each. (888) 566-7624.

CRIBBAGEBOARD.COM, (877) PEGGERS

HEALTH & HEALTH-CARE PRODUCTS

INDEPENDENT LABS Proven World's Best Active Insoles chair, car, truck seat cushions endorsements, prices, guarantees on request. Rocksteady Ent. INC., (800) 574-6592, E-mail: RockStdy@BellSouth.net.

DIABETIC SUPPLIES AT NO COST TO YOU with quality insurance. (800) 597-0007.

END CONSTIPATION FOREVER, (800) 809-4696.

VIDEOS

WWW.VINTAGEVIDEO.COM, CATALOG, (800) 444-1942.

All classified advertising is payable in advance by check or money order. Please make remittance payable to "The American Legion Magazine." **RATES:** \$23 per word. Count street addresses and box numbers as two words; all city, state and zip codes as three words. **CIRCULATION:** 2,700,000 per month. **DEADLINE:** Advertising copy must be received 60 days before cover date of issue desired. All advertisements are accepted at the discretion of the publisher.

MISCELLANEOUS

CIGARS: SMPLERS, GIFTS, FREE CATALOG. Toll free: (877) 375-3042. E-mail: stogy@aol.com. Web: www.educateddigger.com.

SENECASMOKES, DISCOUNT CIGARETTES. Cartons start at \$12.50. Call toll free, (877) 234-2447. www.senecasmokes.com.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

COLD WAR VETERAN VICTORY MEDALS! (530) 550-0392. www.falloutproducts.com.

SHIPS IN-A-BOTTLE. Expertly Handcrafted. (954) 983-6112.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY - Become a charter member and help make it a reality. Have your reunion in Tuscola, Illinois, the future site of the KWMVNL. (217) 253-5613. www.theforgottenvictory.org.

WWW.BLMALL.COM/MALL/A1.HTM.

WWW.USIMAGES.COM.

PERSONALS

NICE SINGLES: Old-fashioned values. FREE magazine. Send age, Singles, Box 310-ALM, Allardt, TN 38504. spiritllf@aol.com.

ASIAN WOMEN! Overseas, marriage-minded. Sunshine International Correspondence, Box 5500-HK, Kailua-Kona, HI 96745-5500. (808) 325-7707. <http://sunshine-girls.com>.

WANTED

MILITARY CURRENCY, (617) 523-0003.

BOY SCOUT PATCHES, (940) 455-2519.

SWORDS, (800) 798-6167.

OLD GUITARS, (800) 451-9728.

WINE & BEER MAKING

WINEMAKERS/BEERMAKERS. Free catalog. Kraus, Box 7850-LM, Independence, MO 64054. (816) 254-0242.

Great Holiday Gift Ideas!

1921 MORGAN SILVER DOLLARS
(BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED)

\$15.50
ONLY PER COIN

Or Buy 20 Coins and Save \$31

ONLY \$279.00

JOE DIMAGGIO "The Last American Hero"

AUTOGRAPHED OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL

★ Comes With Letter of 3rd Party Forensic Authentication ★



\$249.00
ONLY

Limit One Per Household

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

CALL TOLL FREE 1-888-260-8111

OR SEND PAYMENT TO:

Long Island Galleries Inc.

9 Susan Drive • Wading River, New York 11792

30 Day Money Back Guarantee. Add \$15 PM. NY State residents add sales tax. Subject to availability. Price subject to change.

ALL-AMERICAN BOYS CHORUS

As Seen At The National Convention!

2 FABULOUS HOLIDAY RECORDINGS!

Call Toll Free!

1-800-274-9887

Or

www.AllAmericanBoysChorus.org

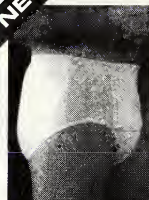
CD's \$15

CASSETTES \$10

plus shipping and handling



NEW



HealthDri

INCONTINENCE UNDERGARMENTS

Underwear That Keeps Your Secret!

For a dealer near you call:



TransAqua

1-800-769-1899

<http://www.trans-aqua.com>



Completely Washable, No Liners, & Saves Up To \$1,000 a Year Over Disposables!

HEARING AIDS

UP TO 60% SAVINGS

This is all you wear!



30-DAY TRIAL

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES!

- ALL MAKES & MODELS • TERMS ARRANGED
- 30 YRS. EXPERIENCE • ALL MAKE REPAIRS
- CUSTOM INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS •

FOR FREE INFORMATION CALL:

1-800-323-1212

We're the oldest, biggest and best

LLOYDS, DEPT. AL BOX 1645, ROCKFORD, IL 61110

HAT PINS • MEDALS • BUCKLES • PATCHES



- FREE COLOR CATALOG
- 2500+ Military Designs
- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines
- Call now! Toll-free!
- 1-888-223-1159
- Custom pins & patches available.
- Dealer inquiries welcome.

HONORS
by Hoover's Mfg., Co.

P.O. Box 547AL, Peru, IL 61354
Fax: 1-815-223-1499

Slot Machines Poker Chips Video Poker

- Gambling Books • Computer Programs
- Las Vegas Nite Supplies
- Playing Cards • Roulette Wheels
- VHS Gambling Tapes



GAMBLERS GENERAL STORE

800 S. MAIN ST., LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

Call for 60 page color catalog!

Call 800-322-2447

Fax 702-366-0329 • In Nevada 702-382-9903

www.ggss.com or E-mail: ggs@fiix.net

Celebrate July 4th & All Events

CARBIDE CANNON

BIG BANG!

Mammoth Cannons shoot with terrific BANG! Have a bang-up time at special events. Use powdered carbide ammo. Hundreds of shots for few cents. All metal construction with large, rugged cast iron wheels. Machined brass mechanism for easy loading and firing. Authentic turn-of-century design. Handsome decor which not in use. Made in USA to last a lifetime. Available in 3 sizes: 9" cannon, \$59.95 postpaid; 17" cannon, \$109.95 postpaid; 25" cannon (shown here) with rapid firing and automatic loading, \$139.95 postpaid. The larger the cannon the louder the bang! Carbide ammo, about 100 shots, \$7.50; 3-pack \$18.00. Spark plugs, 3-pack \$2.00. Send check, money order or call Visa. MasterCard accepted by mail or phone. Give card number & expiration. Money-back guarantee. Send for FREE CATALOG.

The Conestoga Co., Inc., Dept. AL, P.O. Box 405, Berthelton, PA 18016

**** Call 1-800-987-BANG ****

www.bigbangcannons.com

In mud. In snow. In water. Incredible.

MAX 6-wheel drive ATV's.
2- and 4-passenger models.



www.maxatvs.com

Call toll-free 1-800-255-2511
Recreatives Industries, Inc.

Solid Wood Flag Case

Made in USA



Oak \$49.⁹⁵

Cherry or Walnut \$59.⁹⁵

(plus 7.50 ea. S/H)

Goodstuff America
PO Box 3709
Hickory, NC 28603

888-597-8833

Satisfaction Guaranteed

New & Used WORLD'S LOWEST PRICES Buy, Sell & Trade



ElectroEase® Scooters • Adjustable Beds •
Lift Chairs & Stair Lifts 1-800-727-1954

STATE COMMEMORATIVE QUARTERS



Delaware



Pennsylvania



New Jersey

ANY 3 FOR \$1.95 (FREE POSTAGE)

NEW
Commemorative
Quarter Plaque
\$19.⁹⁵

Sturdy 16 x 26
Wall
Plaque

(Holds all 50 States)

Village Coin Shop

P.O. Box 207, Dept A

Pleasanton, OH 43085

Phone 1-800-782-9349

All Major Credit Cards Accepted

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED



Military Rings



Your "Classic" Military Ring will be a treasured symbol of your service. Over 80 rings to choose from.

Men's ring prices start at \$127. 60 day money-back guarantee. Call for a FREE color brochure: (503) 731-9256 (24 hr. recorded message). Or write: Classic Military Rings, 435 SE 85th Dept. A-1299, Portland OR 97216.

Visit our website at www.ClassicRings.com

Code A-1299

EARN \$25 to \$100

Badge-A-Minit

Yes, it's really possible by making and selling bright, colorful pinback buttons. Buttons cost less than 40¢ to make and can in turn be sold for \$1.00, or more! Sell your Badge-A-Minit buttons at fairs, flea markets, conventions and more. Or promote your upcoming fundraisers by wearing buttons around town!

FREE SHIPPING! as at UPS retail prices

Our Starter Kit is only \$29.95 (IL res. add \$1.95 tax) and contains everything you need to get started. Call to order or request a FREE catalog!

Badge-A-Minit, Dept. AL1299, Box 800, LaSalle, IL 61301

Call 800-223-4103

U.S. MILITARY MEDALS-PINS

FREE EXPERT RIBBON MOUNTING

LOW PRICES-FASTEST SERVICE

TOLL FREE TEL. 1-800-864-5062

VETS SUPPLY LINE

10650 Co. Rd. #1 #131

Maple Grove, MN 55369

SEND \$1.00 FOR 40 PAGE CATALOG

VISA • MC • NOVUS • DISCOVER ACCEPTED

CUSTOM NAVY SHIP'S CAPS

VIAGRA™ DIDN'T WORK?



IMPOAID™

- NOW AVAILABLE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION
- NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL ECKERD DRUGSTORES AND SNYDER DRUGSTORES
- FOR FREE INFORMATION CALL:
1-800-475-3091

* Viagra is a registered trademark of Pfizer

ECKERD
It's right at Eckerd!

Snyder

Encore Medical, Inc., 1002 N. Central Expressway., Ste. 341, Richardson, TX 75080

HEARING AID CATALOG

BUY DIRECT! SAVE 70%

Huge Selection

Low, Low Prices

45 Trial Period

Payment Terms

***Write For Free Catalog!**

MONROE HEARING AID

P.O. BOX A-3976 DEPT. 8

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

MEN: BE TALLER!!

TIRED OF BEING CONSIDERED SHORT? Try our quality footwear. **HIDDEN** height increaser inside shoes. Will make you up to **3" TALLER**. Over 100 styles. Extremely comfortable. Discreet packaging. Sizes 5 to 12. Widths B to EEE. In business since 1939. **MONEYBACK GUARANTEE!** Call or write for **FREE** color catalog. www.elevatorshoes.com



ELEVATORS®

RICHLEE SHOE COMPANY, DEPT. AL9D
P.O. BOX 3566, FREDERICK, MD 21705

1-800-343-3810

RHODES HEARING FREE CATALOG!



SAVE HUNDREDS!
45 DAY TRIAL!



EYEGLASS HEARING AIDS
WITH A SIMPLE TUBE FITTING
LEAVE THE EAR CANAL OPEN



FROM \$199 & UP

CALL OR WRITE:
RHODES HEARING

DEPT R11,

BROOKPORT, IL 62910

1-800-320-3300 EXT R11

FOR YOUR FREE CATALOG!

COMBAT UNIT HATS

All Divisions... all Air Forces... all Wars.
Hats - \$15.95 (Add \$7.95 Scrambled eggs)
All Ship Hats - \$19.95 - \$29.95 - \$39.95
Postage & Handling \$4.95
(add \$1.00 per each additional hat for P&H)

Mail to: Military Matters: Dept. AL-20
P.O. Box 191 Honeyey Falls, NY 14472
716-624-5256 10a-m-5pm M-F

80 Page Catalog \$2.95
MC - VISA - AMEX - DISC
8% Tax NY's Resident



CASUALTY WAR BIRD

FREE CATALOG Enjoy an active rewarding lifestyle!

Scooter Lifts & Ramps Available.
Quality & Savings You Deserve!

1-800-229-1317

Scooter Discounters



America's Highest Quality, Lowest Priced Steel Buildings



ARE ON SALE!!

SAVE UP TO 45% AND MORE

FIRST 100 CALLS RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$1,000 OFF

20 YEAR WARRANTY SUPER TOUGH PROTECTION FOR YOUR BOAT, RV OR AUTO

MasterCraft WITH PLENTY OF ROOM

Steel Building Systems LEFT OVER FOR A WORKSHOP

1-888-781-6629 EXT#1236

www.straightwalsteelbldgs.com

2 SEAT BIKE

Drives Like A Car!

Easy to Pedal

Multi-Speed

Street Legal

1, 2 & 4 Seater

Free Literature

RHODES CAR



1-615-822-2737 Ext. 3386
www.4wc.com/r73386

The Monolithic Dome

A super-strong, insulated, steel-reinforced concrete building that is energy efficient and disaster resistant. Used for homes, schools, churches, offices, madriads, storages, cabins, and more. Built throughout the U.S. and in many other countries, for 20 years, the Monolithic Dome is tomorrow's building available today.



Call for FREE brochure or send \$19.95 (45c will for an informative video).

(800) 808-0001
PO Box 479 AL
Italy, TX 76851

www.monolithicdome.com

NEW AUTHORS

PUBLISH YOUR WORK

ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED
WRITE, OR SEND YOUR MANUSCRIPT TO:
MINERVA PUBLISHING CO.

1001 BRICKELL BAY DR., #2310, MIAMI, FL 33131

SAVE THIS AD! Grab Bar

The Port A-Bar is ideal for fiberglass tubs and showers when a grab bar is needed.

- Laboratory tested - easy to use
- Position anywhere
- Use when traveling

Only \$85.00 each!

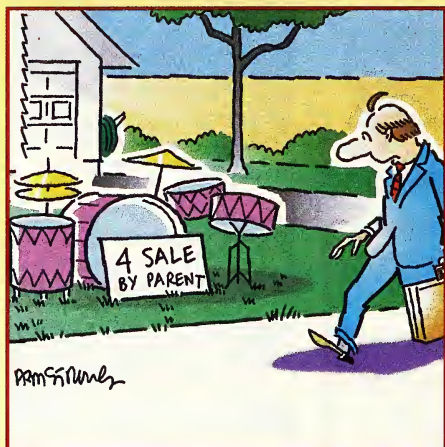
Order Today!
Vacuum Technology
Does it all



www.GrabitOnline.com

Toll Free: 1-800-542-5076 • Direct Call: 1-651-439-8028
All major credit cards accepted - Grabit, Inc., Stillwater, MN

PARTING SHOTS



Deadly Weapon

Jack Benny was invited to the White House. A guard stopped him and asked what he had in the violin case he was carrying. "A machine gun," said Benny solemnly. With the same solemnity, the guard said, "Oh, okay. I was afraid for a moment that it was your violin."

— Quoted by Henry O. Dorman

Age

Years ago we discovered the exact point, the dead center of middle age. It occurs when you are too young to take up golf and too old to rush up to the net.

— Franklin P. Adams



Mass Media

Doctors bury their mistakes. Lawyers hang them. But journalists put theirs on the front page.

— Anonymous

One of the greatest truisms I've learned is that no news is good news; no journalists is even better.

— Nicolas Bentley

The bulk of the contents of the modern newspaper is half ads and the other half lies between the ads.

— Anonymous



Thermal King BOOTS

FREE POSTAGE

And Just **29⁹⁵** a pair
What a Boot!

Imported

"Thermolite" is a trademark of DuPont

New Customer Offer!

Now with **Thermolite®**
DuPont Performance Insulation

WARMER THAN EVER BEFORE!

We added Thermolite® thermal insulation throughout the whole foot to maximize warmth for your winter protection and comfort. Try this and all these other features on for size:

- Water-repellent, flexible, man-made uppers wipe clean with a damp cloth — never need shining.
- Warm, acrylic fleece lining, top to toe.
- Thick, foam-padded cushioned insoles.
- No-slip, bouncy rubber outsole with sure grip traction tread.
- Full side zipper for easy on, easy off.
- Decorative strap with gold-tone buckle around top adds a nice fashion touch.

All this, a terrific price and now for a limited time only FREE POSTAGE!
Order yours today!



Thermal King BOOTS

29⁹⁵⁺ a pair
2 for 57.50 3 for 84.95

Haband 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Peckville, PA 18452

Send _____
pairs of boots.
I enclose _____
\$ _____

D and EEE* Widths
(*add \$2 per pair for EEE):
7 7 1/2 8 8 1/2 9 9 1/2 10 10 1/2 11 12 13

purchase price, plus ~~\$2.95~~ **FREE POSTAGE!**
postage.
GA residents add sales tax.

7EH-47F	What Size?	D or EEE?	How Many?
☐ S	☐ BLACK		
☐ R	☐ BROWN		
☐ L	☐ GREY		

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Discover/NOVUS®
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Exp.: ____/____

Card # _____
☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.
Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____
State _____ Zip _____

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed or
Full Refund of Purchase Price at Any Time!

BROWN

BLACK

GREY

Haband

Duke Habernickel, Pres.
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Peckville, PA 18452

For fastest possible service call 1-800-742-2263 Order 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

**New
Customer
Special!**

Grey/
Charcoal

• 2 deep slash chest pockets outside — even a chest pocket inside!

• Nylon shell sheds rain, sleet and snow!

• Elasticized cuffs seal out drafts!

• 2 dual entry cargo pockets!

• Convertible collar zips up to keep chin, neck, & ears warm!

• Full quilted nylon lining, with warm fiberfill insulation inside!

• Snap storm flap over heavy-duty zipper!

• Drawstring waist adjusts for a fitted or relaxed shape!

• Sturdy zipper begins about 5" above the hem for more comfort when sitting, driving, walking!

• Generous long length covers hips!

Imported

Winter Proof PARKA

**Extraordinary Protection!
Extraordinary Value!**

only **29⁹⁵** **FREE Postage!**

**With Protection like this,
WHY PAY \$300?!!!**

- Rugged Windproof, Waterproof Nylon Shell.
- Deep, Hefty Polyester Fiberfill Insulation.
- Easy-on/Easy-off quilted nylon lining thruout.
- E-Z Glide Zipper & full snap storm flap.
- 2-Way Cushion Collar to wear up or down!
- Plenty of Pockets: 2 deep slash chest pockets, 2 big dual-entry cargo pockets — even an inside chest pocket!
- Masculine "Great Shoulders" styling.
- Good long Seat-warmer length
- Adjustable drawstring waist
- Snug no-draft elasticized storm cuffs
- **100% Machine Wash and Dry!**

**All Weather Comfort, Outstanding
Quality, and Powerful Good Looks!**

**ONLY \$29⁹⁵! Order Now and
SAVE A FORTUNE!**

Haband!

Duke Habernickel, Pres.
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Peckville, PA 18452

**Winter Proof
PARKA** **29⁹⁵* each**
2 for 57.50 3 for 84.95

Haband 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Peckville, PA 18452
Send me _____ coats. I enclose \$_____ purchase price, plus
\$3.95 for postage.

**FREE
Postage!**

REGULAR SIZES	S(34-36) L(42-44)	M(38-40) XL(46-48)
BIG SIZES	*Big Men (just \$4 more per pair) 2XL(50-52) 3XL(54-56) NO EXTRA CHARGE! 4XL(58-60) 5XL(62-64)	
TALL SIZES	*Tall Men (6'2" & over) (just \$4 more per pair) LT(42-44) XLT(46-48) 2XLT(50-52) 3XLT(54-56) 4XLT(58-60) 5XLT(62-64)	

- ☐ Check
☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa
☐ Discover/NOVUS®
GA residents add sales tax
Exp.: ____ / ____

7TK-31N	WHAT SIZE?	HOW MANY?
A Teal/Navy		
B Burgundy/Black		
C Grey/Charcoal		

Card # _____
Mr. Mrs. _____
Address _____ Apt. # _____
City & State _____ Zip _____
100% Satisfaction Guaranteed or Full Refund of Purchase Price at Any Time!

For fastest possible service call 1-800-742-2263
Order 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Nothing
Extra
for BIG
& TALL
sizes!**



Teal/
Navy

Burgundy/
Black